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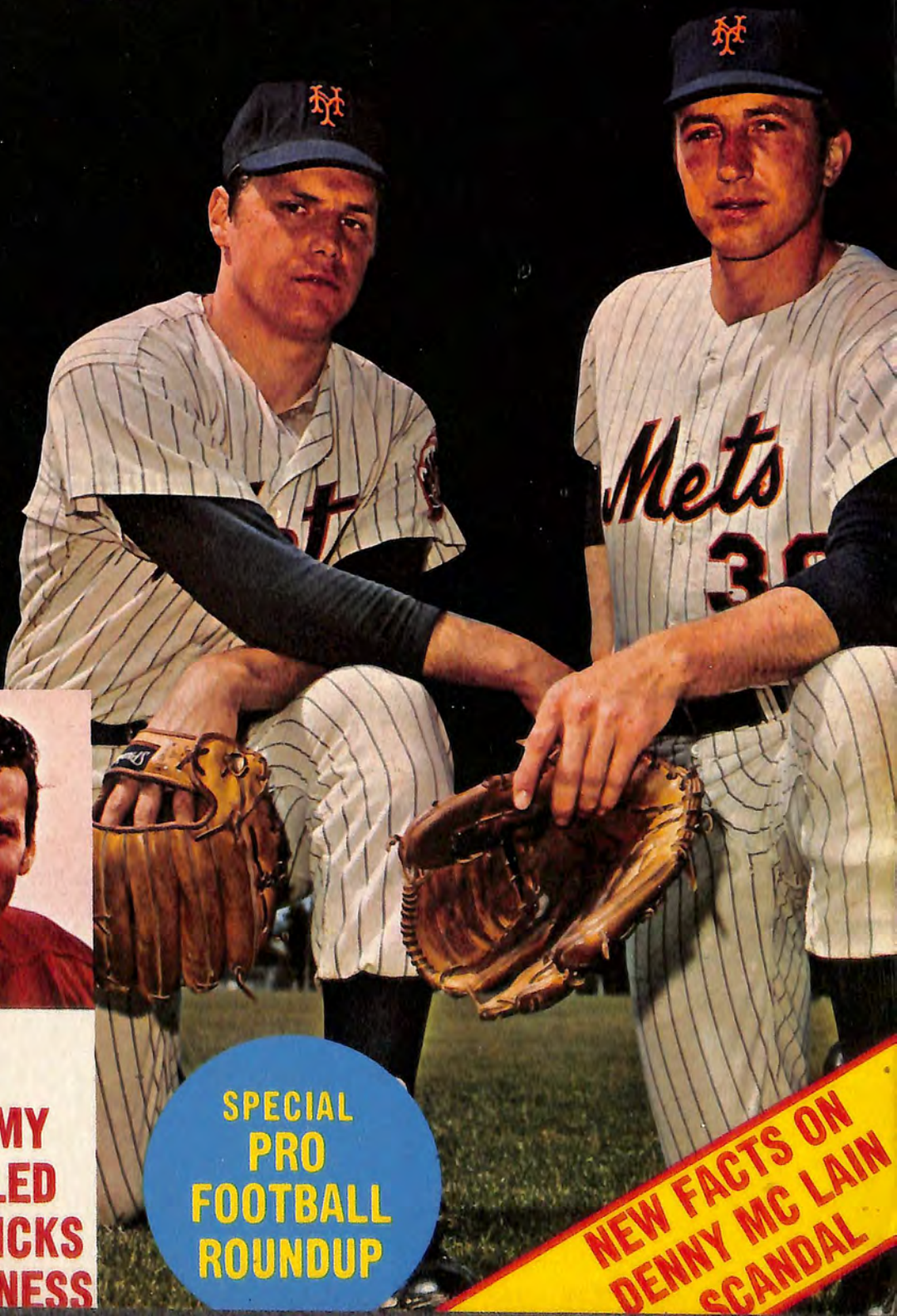

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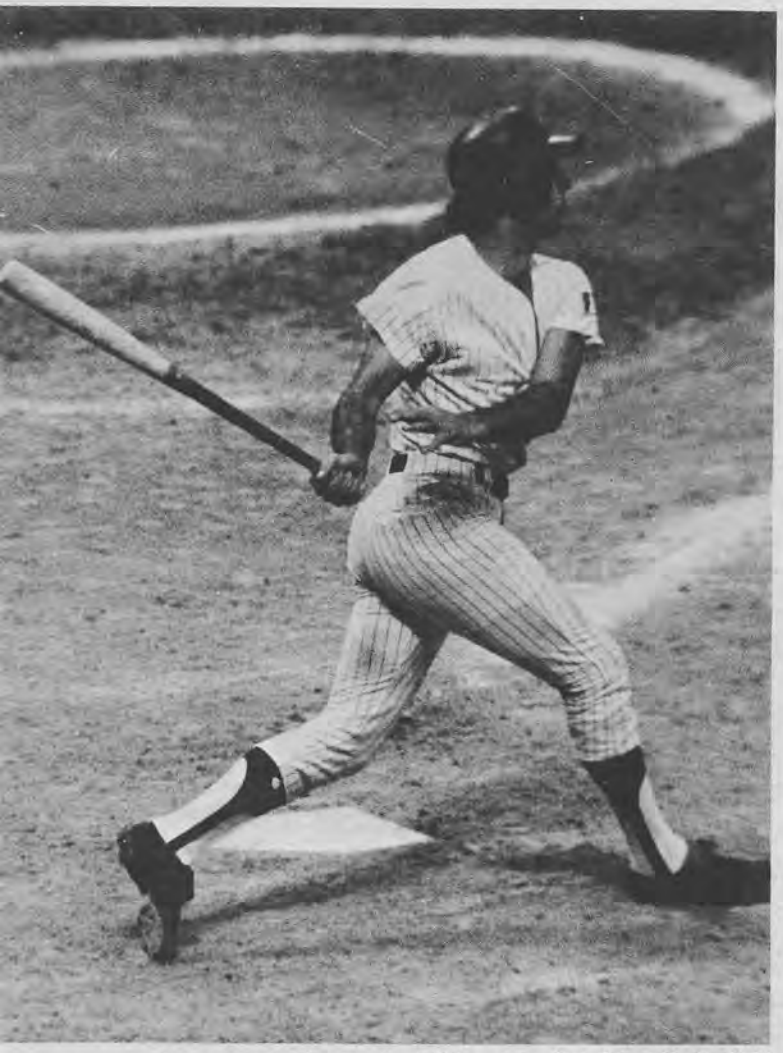

Joe even looks good striking out, but his off-the-field antics tire him for his day's work

THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE ON

by Barlough Heinz

IF JOE PEPITONE MAKES IT BIG THE ASTROS COULD BE THE NEW METS

■ It may be truly said that there is some immaturity in all of us, but some of us are more immature than others.

Baseball fans in the fair city of Houston are now being treated to the opportunity of watching one of those individuals afflicted with more than his share of that commodity.

Joe Pepitone was partially obscured in the shuffle of madhouse Manhattan while performing for the New York Yankees. His on-field achievements, though sometimes considerable, were hardly enough to make anyone forget about Mickey Mantle or Joe DiMaggio. His off-field antics, though somewhat more spectacular, were no match for the after-hours performances put on by Joe Namath. In fact, the Big Town has doormen and cab drivers who are flakier than Joe Pepitone.

But Houston. Aah, that's another story. Joe is different there. He's an Easterner with the Brooklyn wise cracks, mod clothes and teeny-bopper hairstyle. He stands out in a Texas crowd like an elephant at a Democratic fund-raising dinner . . . and loves every second of it. Oddly, this may work in his favor. In New York, it seemed Pepitone was driven to peculiar non-business escapades to attract attention. He won't really need too many of these to draw a crowd in Houston. He can become the center of attention by buying a pack of gum in a drug store.

Joe's pro career started inauspiciously enough from the personality standpoint, at least. As an 18-year-old outfielder, Pepitone played 16 games at Auburn in the New York-Penn League in 1958, batting .316 and collecting one homerun. After successive minor-league campaigns at Fargo-Morehead (1959), Binghamton (1960) and Amarillo (1961), Joe made his Yankee Stadium debut . . . and the fun began.

On May 23, 1962, Pepitone drilled two homeruns in one inning against the Kansas City Athletics at the Stadium. One of the greatest hitters of modern times—Joe DiMaggio—had said of Pepitone at the Yankee's Advance Training Camp in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., that spring: "Quick wrists give him power potential, particularly at the (Yankee) Stadium; he's a good-looking hitter with natural instincts." Joe D.'s analysis sounded great in May, but Pepitone wound up hitting only .239 for the Bombers and spent the last six weeks of the season at Richmond, the Yank's Triple-A farm. And people were beginning to find out that Joe's natural instincts weren't confined to the baseball diamond.

By the time he reached the Stadium at the ripe old age of 22, he was already married and the father of one girl (Eileen, then 2 years old) and a son (Joseph, Jr., age 3 months on opening day in 1962).

His first 63 games in the American League had shown some "potential," a word which was to haunt Joe Pepitone throughout his Yankee career, and he returned to spring training in 1963 with a shot at making the team of the still-powerful Bombers.

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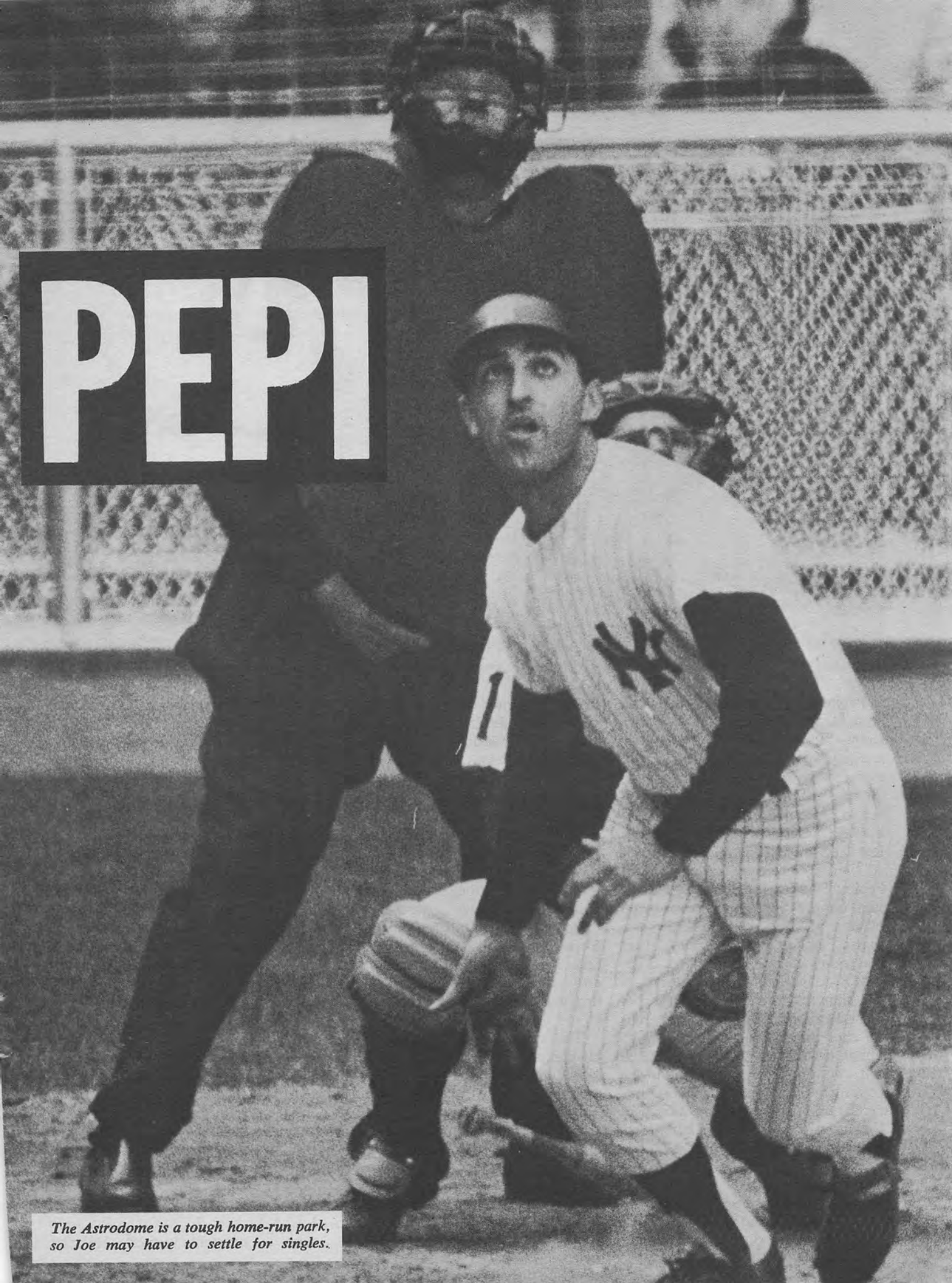

The Astrodome is a tough home-run park, so Joe may have to settle for singles.

In typical Pepitone style Joe jumps on home plate after grand slam homer. Astros hope for more of same down Texas way.

Pepitone was switched from the outfield to first base by manager Ralph Houk and made the club as a regular in 1963. One of his big assets at the time was his enthusiasm for baseball and the Yankees in particular. Although Brooklyn born-and-bred, Pepitone was a life-long Yankee fan. This in itself should have marked him as something of an oddball. Pepitone had made a strong impression on the big-league scouts while playing semipro ball with the Nathan's Famous team in Coney Island. The team's nickname? The Hot Dogs.

Most of the big-league bird-dogs lost interest, however, when the peculiar Pepitone managed to get himself shot through the chest in a high school classroom. But he recovered well and the Yanks, always on the lookout for powerful left-handed hitters, figured they might take a chance. With most of the competitive bidders removed by the gun-shot incident, the price was reasonable. That, coupled with Joe's natural inclination toward the pin-striped Yankees, put Pepitone on the Yankee team.

"As a little kid," he said at the time, "I wanted to be a Yankee. I guess I've never wanted anything else." The assistant manager of a nationally-known New York nightspot might have felt a few years later that the statement was not totally accurate, for Joe spent a good deal of time trying to impress his well-shaped girlfriend. "I wasn't exactly broken up when that hot dog was traded to Houston," the nightclub man said this winter.

Pepitone's first full season in New York was a substantial artistic success. He slammed 27 homers and drove home 89 runs with a .271 batting average as the Yankees coasted to the pennant.

The following season, he jacked his homerun production up to 28 and raised his runs-batted-in total to an even 100. But his average dipped to .251, and in many ways Pepitone had already reached the high-water mark of his career. In 1966, he hit 31 homeruns—a career high—but he never hit over .255 again and drove in more than 80 runs only once (83 in 1966) in the next five seasons in New York.

While his playing performances had reached their mean from the standpoint of production, his other exploits began to take a predominance. Although he led the league in fielding as a first baseman in both 1965 and 1966, Pepitone became better known for being in the midst of every fight and argument the Yanks became involved in. His helmet-throwing rubarbs made him the bane of American League umpires and his particularly colorful battles with veteran arbiter Hank Soar and enthusiastic Emmett Ashford became classics of their genre and royally entertained opposing fans in ballparks around the circuit. Pepitone's fury in arguments even exceeded Houk's heated histronics—no mean feat.

Marital troubles and financial problems began to build up on Joe during his later years in New York and no doubt affected his performance with the Yankees. A divorce, a second marriage and another child (daughter Lisa Ann), plus moves from native Brooklyn to the Bronx to Fort Lee, N.J., kept the world of Joe Pepitone in constant turmoil. He also

Joe has speed, shown as he stretches hit into double. Pepi also is a good defensive outfielder and first baseman.

proved to be injury-prone. In 1969, his final Yankee season, Joe fractured his left elbow on April 14.

The hairline fracture heeled quickly and cost him only 24 games, but the problem set the pattern for the season. A strained right rib cage and a bruised left heel built up more injury time. The injuries, combined along with two mysterious Joe Namath-type disappearances chalked up to his off-field difficulties, gave Pepitone more summer vacation time than a New York teacher.

Changes in playing position didn't do Joe any good either. After becoming comfortable at first base and becoming one of the league's better defenseive players at the position, Pepitone was switched back into the outfield in 1967 to make room for the disintegrating Mickey Mantle. Mantle, who was switched to first base to ease the strain on his aching legs, was kept in the lineup by the Yankee management for morale and ticket-selling purposes. But Pepitone was forced to go through a period of readjustment in the outfield which didn't improve his morale much. He hit a total of only 28 homers in the two seasons away from first base and played only 108 games in 1968.

Returning to first last year, Joe's homer production shot back up to 27 and his RBI total advanced to 70 (his highest since 1966). The 27 circuits led the club in that department (by one over young Bobby Murcer) and his 124 hits was fourth best on the team. Still, the string had run out for Pepitone in New York. General manager Lee MacPhail, one of the more patient and perceptive front-office men in baseball, had reached the conclusion that it would be better for all concerned if Joe was transferred away from the bright lights of Broadway.

The Yankees, some seasons before had signed a youngster from Mahwah, N.J., and had paid his way through Wagner College on nearby Staten Island, only to lose him to Baltimore in a free-agent draft.

The young man had since gone to the Houston Astros and after a career as a third baseman, catcher and outfielder, had become a first baseman. His name was Curt Blefary. He was a left-handed hitter and he was available. He was traded to the Yankees, where he'd "always wanted to be" in exchange for Joe Pepitone after the 1969 season.

Pepitone thus began a new career in a new league with a new team. It may take him awhile to get used to the new umpires, fans and hitting background. But you can bet that he'll waste no time finding a new hairdresser. One of Pepitone's last stops before reporting to the Astros' training camp this spring was at French's Beauty Salon on Brooklyn's Flatbush Avenue to have his pompadour attended to.

How long Joe's preoccupation with such matters will last in Houston is still a matter of conjecture. But his playing performance may be affected by the contours of the spacious Astrodome. The rightfield corner at Yankee Stadium is just 296 feet from the plate. At the Astrodome, it's 340. It makes a difference. It may also make a difference that Spec Richardson, Judge Hofeinz' trail boss at the 'Dome, doesn't have the patience of Lee MacPhail . . . •

PRO FOOTBALL 1970

KAPP PLANS REVENGE ON DAWSON

by Art Grant

NFL-AFL rivalry will be disguised under conference setup with coverage by three TV networks, including prime time Monday night games

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ATLANTA
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Football Commissioner Rozelle points to board showing 1st round in NFL draft.

Last year was not Joe Namath's year. Will next season be his last year?

■ Art Modell of the Cleveland Browns, Art Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Carroll Rosenbloom of the Baltimore Colts must be busy accepting congratulations these days for switching from the NFL to the AFL. Not only did they wind up in the strongest merged conference, but each received a $3 million bonus for making the move. There is a definite mystique generated by mixing three National Football League clubs in the AFL (oops, American Conference). It will be interesting to find out what the old NFL clubs can do on a sustained basis against the AFL through a full season. This is not to claim that the American Conference will be superior, but in the Chiefs and Jets they have the last two Super Bowl winners and two of the finest clubs in pro football.

For two long days, 10 hours and 56 minutes on January 27 and nine hours and 49 minutes the second day, the pro football world was wrapped up in its anual lottery as 442 athletes were selected in the college draft. For only the second time in football draft history a small college player was the first selection. There was never any question after Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll made a post-season visit to the Senior Bowl, that the Steelers would select Louisiana Tech quarterback Terry Bradshaw as their No. 1 choice and the first pick in the draft. Of the 442

HERE IS WHAT THE NEW REVAMPED SETUP WILL LOOK LIKE IN 1970:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

New York Giants	Dallas Cowboys	Los Angeles Rams
Philadelphia Eagles	Minnesota Vikings	San Francisco 49ers
Washington Redskins	Detroit Lions	Atlanta Falcons
St. Louis Cardinals	Chicago Bears	New Orleans Saints
	Green Bay Packers	

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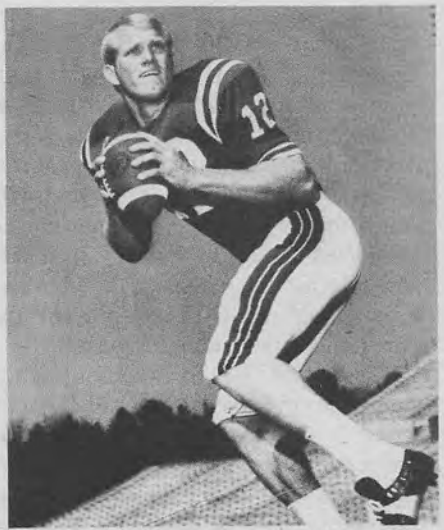
Buffalo Bills	Cleveland Browns	Denver Broncos
	Pittsburgh Steelers	

athletes selected, 155 of them—almost 35 per cent—hailed from the so-called small colleges.

The Green Bay Packers selected second and took Notre Dame defensive tackle Mike McCoy. Cleveland, drafting third, picked off Mike Phipps, Purdue's noted quarterback. Both acquired early picks via trades with Chicago and Miami. In other first round selections Boston chose Phil Olsen of Utah State; Buffalo picked Al Cowlings, USC defensive end; Philadelphia selected Steve Zabel, a tight end from Oklahoma. Three running backs—Larry Stegent of Texas A&M, Bob Anderson of Colorado, and Norm Baulaich of TCU—were picked before Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens of Oklahoma was selected by Detroit as the 19th pick.

The Super Bowl opponents both went for offensive tackles on the first round. Minnesota grabbed John Ward of Oklahoma State and the World champion Kansas City Chiefs went for Sid Smith of USC.



Terry Bradshaw of Louisiana Tech was the number one draft choice of pro football. The quarterback was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Jets, looking to revamp their defensive backfield, tabbed Steve Tannen, a cornerback from Florida as their first pick.

The emphasis swung to defense as six teams drafted more defensive players than offensive ones. For the first time running backs did not lead the position list. Instead there were more defensive backs chosen (78) than any other position. Overall, there were 228 offensive players chosen, 198 defensive players and 16 specialists.

The draft was preceded by a host of major trades that included the trading of first round choices by Chicago, Washington and Miami. For the first time trading was allowed between the two leagues (okay, conferences) and made for the most active trading pro football has seen in many years. Among the players who will wear new uniforms in 1970 are Charley Johnson, Pete Beathard, Homer Jones, W.K. Hicks, Miller Farr, Paul Warfield, LeRoy Caffey, Bob Hyland, Bill Staley, Dennis Gaubatz, Elijah Pitts, Harry Gunner, Craig Baynahm, Rufus Mayes, Phil Clark, Jim Kanicki, Ron Johnson,

The Super Bowl will once again be played in the South in order to avoid scenes like this showing two loyal Buffalo fans enduring a snowstom to root the Bills in.

Steve Owens, the winner of the Heisman Trophy as the outstanding collegiate player, went to the Detroit Lions in the draft.

Chuck Allen, Jerry Rhome, Wayne Meylan and Jerry Shay.

For the second straight year, the AFL (all right, AFC) got all the young quarterbacks. This year is was Bradshaw, Phipps and Dennis Shaw (Buffalo). Last year it was Greg Cook, Marty Domres, Mike Livingston, and Al Woodard, plus Terry Hanratty (Pittsburgh), who arrives after a year's deferment, thanks to the merger.

Even most of the established young quarterbacks belong, for the most part, to the Americans, notably Joe Namath, Daryle Lamonica, Bob Griese and Steve Tensi. The only ones the Nationals have to match them are Don Horn, Greg Landry, Steve Spurrier and Craig Morton.

The other glamour guys, the ones who catch the passes, appear to be in the younger conference too. With the addition of Paul Warfield, Gary Collins, Homer Jones, Roy Jefferson, Willie Richardson, and John Mackey through trades and the merger to complement such outstanding pass-receiving stars as Fred Biletnikoff, Warren Wells, Otis Taylor, Don Maynard, George Sauer, Lance Alworth, Haven Moses, Ron Sellers, Al Denson, Jerry Levias and Gary Garrison, the AFC has quantity to go with quality.

The NFL pass-catchers are not nearly as impressive—Bob Hayes, Lance Rentzel, Charlie Taylor, Jerry Smith, the Gene Washingtons of Minnesota and San Francisco, Earl McCullough, Charley Sanders, Dave Williams, Dan Abramowicz and Harold Jackson.

The National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting Company System have signed four-year contracts with pro football to continue telecasting the sport's games over national networks. It is reported to be a $167 million deal that will run through 1973. CBS, which began broadcasting NFL games in 1956, will telecast the National Conference events, while NBC will present the American Conference contests.

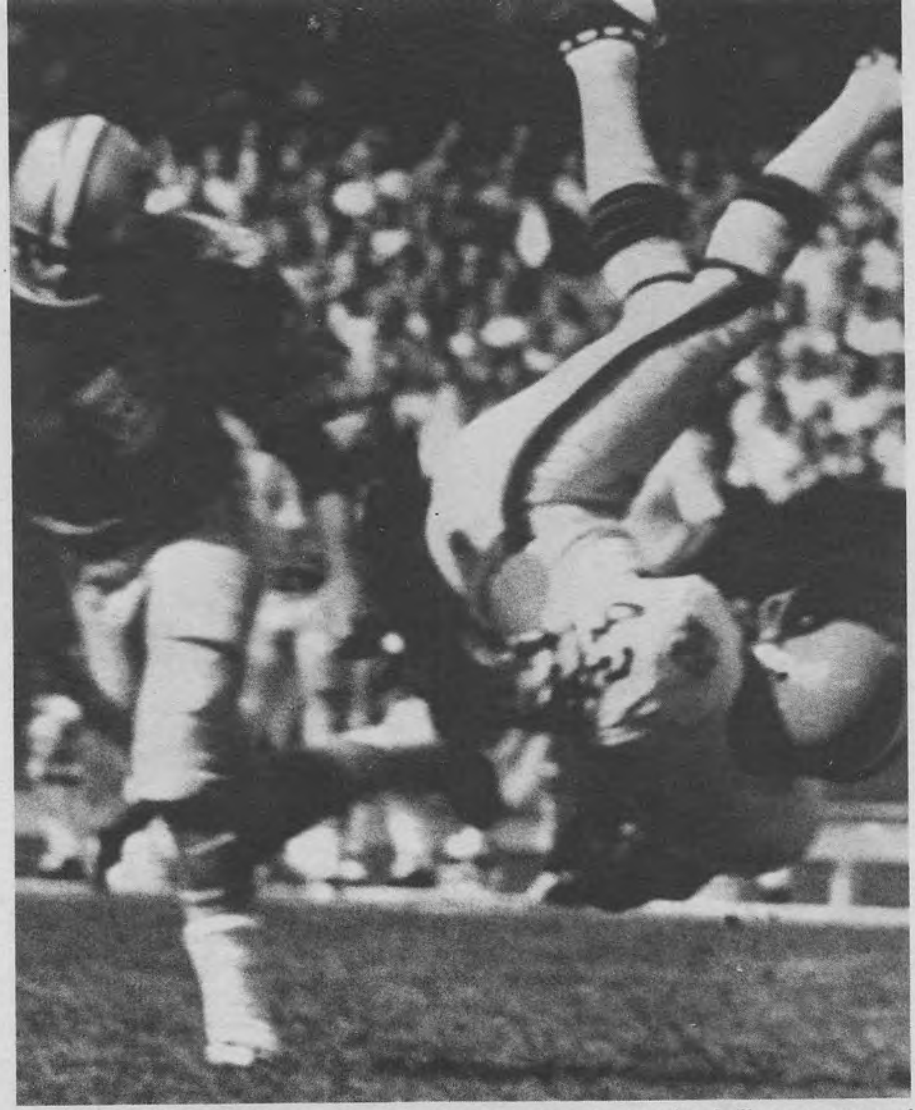
There will be 40 interconference games in the new National League schedule this season and they will be divided among CBS, NBC, and the American Broadcasting Company. The latter will telecast 13 Monday night games in prime time. For the first time in history a sport will be showing its games on all three major networks.

The Super Bowl and the new All-Star game (AFC vs. NFC) will be telecast by the two networks in alternate years. NBC will have the 1971 Super Bowl and CBS the first all-star game under the new format. The last Super Bowl game on Jan. 11 attracted the largest television audience ever to watch a single sports event. Its share of the TV audience that Sunday afternoon was 69 per cent.

There will be a minimum of network conflict with American and National Conference contests being shown in opposition to one another. All home games will continue to be blacked out within 75 miles, but a game from another locale will be telecast in the blacked-out city.

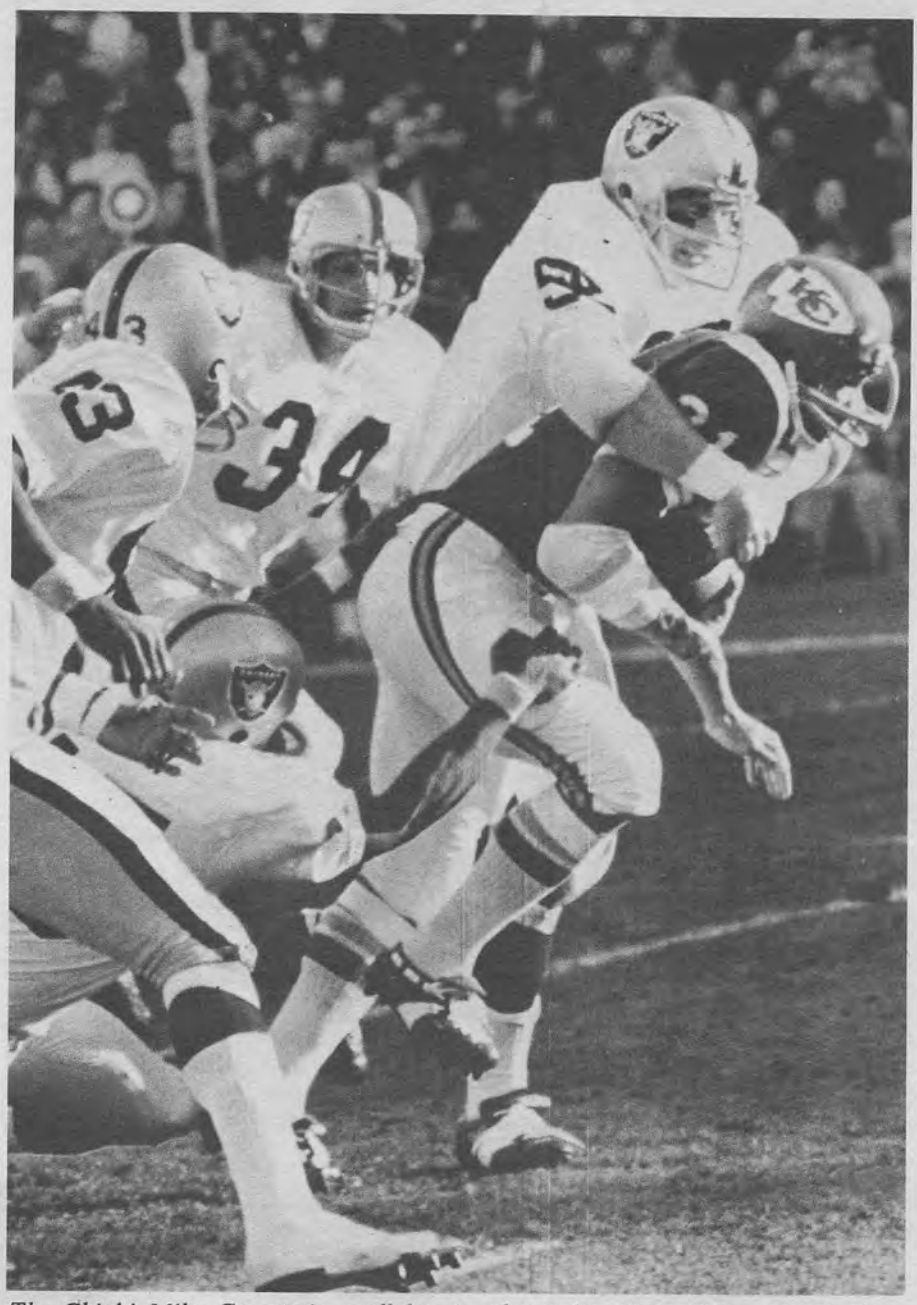
In spite of the new television contracts, pro football teams continue to raise ticket prices becauses of increases in costs. Washington, for instance, has raised its choice mezzanine seats in Robert F. Kennedy Stadium from $10 to $12, thus tying a record set by the Eagles for certain seats in the new Philadelphia stadium. Because of the season ticket system in some cities, fans are all but prevented from ever seeing a game, except for television.

There has also been some angry public reaction because some teams are requiring season ticket buyers to purchase seats for one or two preseason games, in addition to the regular season contests. In addition to the new stadium in Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh will also



Paul Warfield, rated by many as the best receiver in pro football, was swapped by Cleveland to Miami for a draft choice which wound up being quarterback Mike Phipps. Warfield is flying through the air after catching a Bill Nelson pass.

Greg Cook leads bevy of young quarterbacks who will be taking their shots at Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs.



The Chiefs' Mike Garrett is small but it takes a lot of people to contain him. KayCee may find it hard to repeat.

open the 1970 campaign in new structures.

The schedule will have each team in the NFC meeting 3 teams in the AFC each year, with the remainder of the 14-game slate taking place in their own conference. That means that the Jets and Giants will play one regular season game against each conference, with the winners playing for the conference championship.

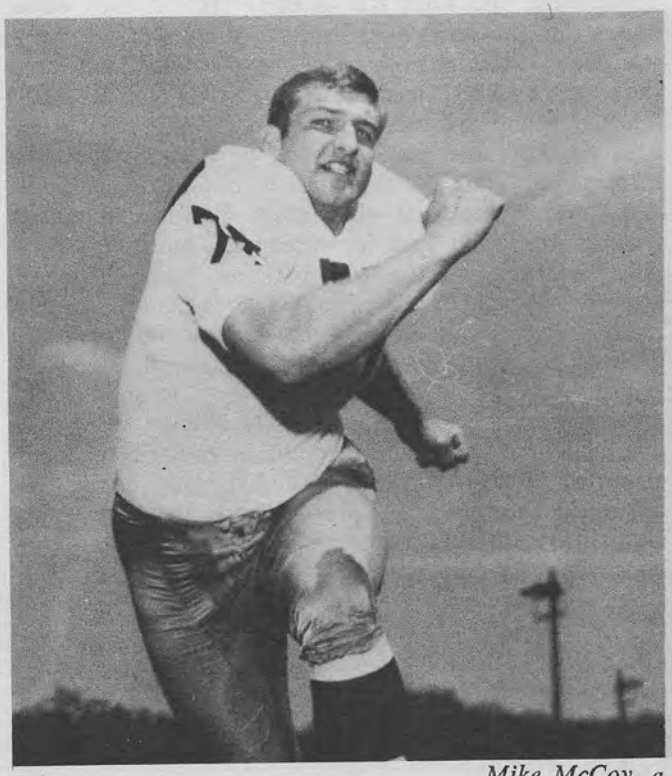
Most of pro-football's most hotly contested rivalies have not been damaged by the merger. The 49ers and Rams will still play each other as will the Bears and Packers, Giants and Eagles, Raiders and Chiefs and Vikings and Packers. The Browns and Steelers will pick their battles up right were they left off, because they are both in the same division. In addition, it should be quite a sight when Paul Brown and his young Bengals take on the Browns. This is as natural a rivalry as ever existed in sport, despite the fact that they have never played each other. The Giants will again go with Fran Tarkenton the scrambler at quarterback, plus their new "I" formation, all of which guarantees excitement.

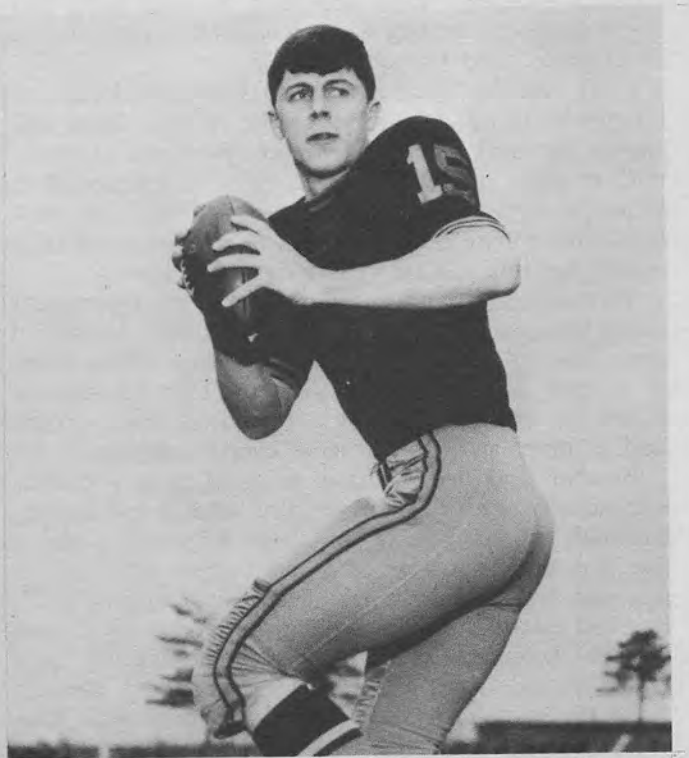
I am sure the Colts are planning revenge for their Super Bowl conquerors, the New York Jets. Johnny Unitas says the Colts will beat the Jets easily this fall. This attitude should produce two lively battle. Two of the NFC's expansion teams, Atlanta and New Orleans appear to have all the ingredients for the start of an exciting series. Each has suffered through the growing pains that any new team must endure, and since they're the league's only two southeast squads, there should be no love lost between the two.

Joe Kapp, who loses hard and Bud Grant, the Minnesota coach are rooting for Lew Dawson and Kansas City to win the AFC.

"I am better than Dawson and want to prove it," says Joe. "The Super Bowl was just one of those things — probably caused the Chiefs rushing to Lenny's protection when he came under suspicion of gambling." ●

Alex Webster is going with scrambler Fran Tarkenton as the Giants quarterback and hopes the new "I" formation he installed last season can get Giants in the title picture. The "I" was stolen from the Kansas City Chiefs.





Mike McCoy, a Notre Dame defensive tackle, was selected by Green Bay and Mike Phipps, a quarterback from Purdue, went to Cleveland in the annual lottery.

COUNTRYWIDE SPEAKOUT

by Norman MacLean

■ Out of sight, out of mind is Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn's hope for the Denny McLain case. The more the Feds and Baseball dig into it the worse it will look for poor Denny. McLain is the prototype of the Mod Generation hippie who has invaded pro sports.

Disdain for authority and the establishment is their watchword. Long sideburns were the first step, but their predilection toward gambling and the like could peril all sports. The National Hockey League recently set up a committee to act as a watchdog agency on the effects of gambling on hockey games.

"At present no one is under suspicion, but we must always be on the watch," says NHL President Clarence Campbell. Campbell also revealed that the NHL, National Football League and American Football League were acting in concert with the two pro basketball circuits in their check on gambling in pro sports.

"We don't care if a man plays the horses at the track, but we don't want him getting involved with off-track gamblers. If he gets in a financial hole, they might suggest something which would effect the outcome of a game," said Campbell.

Kuhn also has the far-reaching Curt Flood case on his hands. Flood's challenge of the reserve clause can change the rules by which our pro sports are played—if Curt wins. In the meantime Flood is ensconced in Denmark with the most delicious of Danish blondes. It is hard to think of Curt as a slave or peon at $90,000 a year, but this is what he is trying to claim.

We wonder what would happen if all twenty-four teams in baseball made offers to Flood after Kuhn had given him his unconditional release. These offers might go as high as $50,000, but no more. This would settle Flood's hash but might set a precedent, which would lead to more and more reserve clause challenges.

Baseball and hockey have stringent reserve clauses with no way out for the player. Pro football and basketball have the one-year option clause by which a player can play out his option at a ten percent reduction in pay and then become a free agent the following year. Baseball claims that because it must develop its players through expensive farm systems, it is entitled to a return on its money when one in a hundred men do make the grade, whereas football and basketball have ready-made and free farm systems which they tap for players.

Countrywide Sports would like to suggest a compromise. After eight years in the major leagues we believe a man has earned his right to become a free agent. Obviously, he could then peddle his services to the highest bidder and reap a nice bonus, but also he just might sign again with the team with which he has already been playing. The eight-year rule would enable genuine stars to properly market their bodies at just about the peak of their prowess and it would not create constant juggling around of player talent, which would certainly occur if everyone was a free agent each season.

Baseball and even football must redouble their public relations efforts so that the constant owner-player squabbles over money do not sicken the public. Americans still believe that playing ball for a living three hours a day is the best job in the world and even bank presidents hero-worship ball players. When the demigods show their feet of clay in bitter battles over what seems to be mere pennies, some of the luster rubs off.

Although the fans will initially like it, the editor thinks that pro football is in grave danger of too much television exposure. This Fall, your boob tube will show NFL (CBS) games, AFL (NBC) games and a selected Monday night Game of the Week over ABC. This invasion of prime time will be a sports first, but it may just saturate the market beyond redemption. What was once a treat will become almost a treatment. Again, greed and lust for more and more dollars is the real cause of this extra exposure. And what about those marriages that will be ruined when the little woman realizes that Monday night has also gone down the drain as far as the living room is concerned.

Pro basketball will merge one way or another. Its owners cannot continue the bloody bidding war which has made rich men out of minor league fringe players cavorting in the American Basketball Association. One quick tip on the cage sport: Watch the New York Nets; they are the coming giants of the sport. They will eventually rival the New York Knicks in fan support, especially when they play in the 16,000-seat Hempstead Long Island Arena, currently in the final throes of construction. The Nets have their own Island area to draw from and they have an excellent organization. Even Ned Irish, the Knicks major domo, says a Nets-Knicks rivalry is a good thing, so the sky should be the limit. ●

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Compression Readings — Pontiac

	Cylinder 1	Cylinder 2	Cylinder 3	Cylinder 4
Before	105 lbs.	95 lbs.	107 lbs.	120 lbs.
After	125 lbs.	120 lbs.	120 lbs.	125 lbs.
	Cylinder 5	**Cylinder 6**	**Cylinder 7**	**Cylinder 8**
Before	110 lbs.	115 lbs.	95 lbs.	116 lbs.
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HENRY AARON

IN THE SPOTLIGHT AT LAST!

CAN ATLANTA STAR CATCH BABE RUTH'S 714 HOMERS?

by Ed White

■ There are some baseball experts who feel that over the past 17 years Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves has been the best player in the game. However, he has received surprisingly little recognition. Finally, last season, the name Aaron received more and more ink. What has kept Henry from the press notices he truly deserved? Why now, when his career is approaching its twilight, is he suddenly being noticed?

The biggest problem Aaron must overcome in his quest for public recognition is his lack of New York exposure. There are many who feel that New York ball players start out with a tremendous advantage in this regard. Who are the big name players of the modern era? You would immediately name Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle. Mays, of course, started his career in New York and is still considered a New Yorker even though he has played a majority of his games in a San Francisco uniform. Mantle played his entire career with the New York Yankees. Had Aaron played for a New York team, his press rating would have been much greater.

The chances for endorsements are also much greater for New York ball players. The Mets win one world championship and twelve books are written about it. Their players receive countless other fringe benefits, including the famous hair tonic commercial. Tom Seaver is the glamour boy of baseball. Would he be as popular if he toiled for the Houston Astros or the Cincinnati Reds? These are things which Aaron, playing for teams housed in relatively smaller cities much as Atlanta and Milwaukee, has been denied.

Aaron, unfortunately, came along at the wrong time. Much of the prime of his career was spent playing during the time New York did not have a National League team. Thus he was denied even minimal exposure before the Big City press. Stan Musial was a great ballplayer but the fact that so many of his big days were against Brooklyn increased his stature among the sporting press. Warren Spahn was never considered that much of a star because he could not beat the Dodgers. It took the passage of time to prove to everybody Spahnie's true worth.

Secondly, many people have missed the importance of Aaron's contributions because his team wasn't winning. The Braves won pennants in 1957 and 1958; they haven't won any since, though they came close last year with a divisional champion-

Henry nails one right on the button in NL playoff with Mets. He hit three homers in three games with the chips on the line.

ship. A ballplayer's stature is always greater in the eyes of the public when his team wins the pennant. There are some who argue that the Most Valuable Player award should go only to a member of a championship ball club. "His team finished fourth,'" one argument could go. "How valuable could he have been?" If the Braves were always finishing in the middle of the league, how great could Aaron have been?

Even during the early years when the Braves were winning, Hank was often overshadowed by other members of that Milwaukee cast. Eddie Matthews in those days was considered one of the great sluggers of all time, the aforementioned Spahn one of baseball's great pitchers. Hank was simply just another star.

Finally, Aaron is not as spectacular as other ball players. He is such a magnificent outfielder that rarely do you see him have to dive for a ball. He gets as good a jump on the ball as anybody. He has a great arm, yet he doesn't show it off by such foolish actions as throwing behind a runner at first base. Other outfielders often try that play and throw the ball away more often than they catch the runner. On the basepaths you rarely see Hank thrown out on an attempted steal, yet his stolen base figures are not impressive. He is seldom caught going from first to third, but those statistics are not kept. You could say he is so efficient that he goes unnoticed.

However, times change, and there are indications that Aaron may now start receiving well-deserved raves. Why is Aaron suddenly emerging into the limelight?

First of all, some of the ball players to whom Aaron has played second fiddle all these years have either reached or are reaching the end of the line. Mickey Mantle has retired and Willie Mays may be playing his last season. Aaron, on the other hand, has shown no signs of even nearing the end. Last year, he had one of his finest seasons when he hit .300, swatted 44 home runs and drove in 97 runs in leading the Braves to the championship of the Wild Wild West. Many forget, because of the Mets sweep, his contributions in the playoff. However, he was the lone bright spot in an otherwise almost total Brave collapse:

Game 1—Aaron homers in seventh inning to give Braves a 5-4 lead. Unfortunately, Metss score 5 runs in eight inning on two fielding lapses.

Game 2—Trailing 9-1, with two

With Mickey Mantle playing golf, spotlight is on Aaron.

Even though he is 36, he still can run pretty well and shows no signs of slowing down.

There she goes. Aaron's 536th homer ties Mickey Mantle, former Yankee star.

out and two on in the fourth, an Aaron home run touches off a 5-run rally to bring the Braves back into the game. Unfortunately, Mets pitching stiffens and Braves never get any closer.

Game 3—Aaron homers in top of the first inning to give Braves early 2-0 lead. Mets, however, come from behind to cop the series.

Three pressure games, three home runs in key situations. I don't know what more could be asked of any player. If only the pitching had held up we might be seeing Hank Aaron on the covers of magazines instead of Tom Seaver.

Make no mistake about it, Henry is one of baseball's all-time sluggers. He will enter 1970 third on the all-time home run list with 554. Almost all conceed the 36-year-old Aaron will pass Mays and some even give him a chance at making a run for Ruth's 714. By the way, while not a hard swinger like Frank Howard or Reggie Jackson, Hank has some tape measure jobs to his credit. For example, he is one of only three men to ever hit a home run into the center field bleachers at the old Polo Grounds.

Unlike other sluggers, however, Aaron is not prone to striking out. He almost always manages to get a piece of the ball. He enters 1970 with 2956 hits, needing only 44 more to enter the charmed 3,000 circle.

It also helps to play for a club on the rise. The Braves must figure as pennant contenders again. But there is a difference between the Braves of the late 50's and today's edition. As previously mentioned, those Milwaukee teams were powerhouses with many genuine stars. Today's Atlanta team is a good ball club but lacks any real stars other than Aaron. Players like Orlando Cepeda and Rico Carty are good ballplayers but one would not put them in the category of a superstar. There is only one superstar on the Atlanta Braves and that is Hank Aaron.

Should he continue in good health and get really close to Babe Ruth's 714 homers, Henry will finally be given the recognition he deserves.

"I think I have a shot at the Babe," says Aaron. "If I can have three more seasons of forty or more homers I would reach about 680 when I am just 40 years old. If I came that close I would try to hang in there until I hit number 715."

Here's hoping Henry comes close and gives us all a real thrill as he aims at what once was an insurmountable goal. ●

WILL GOALIE ED GIACOMIN

Eddie kicks the puck away as St. Louis's Gary Sabourin bores in.

GET HIS GOAL?

WANDERING RANGER GOALIE IS COLORFUL, DYNAMIC AND GOOD!

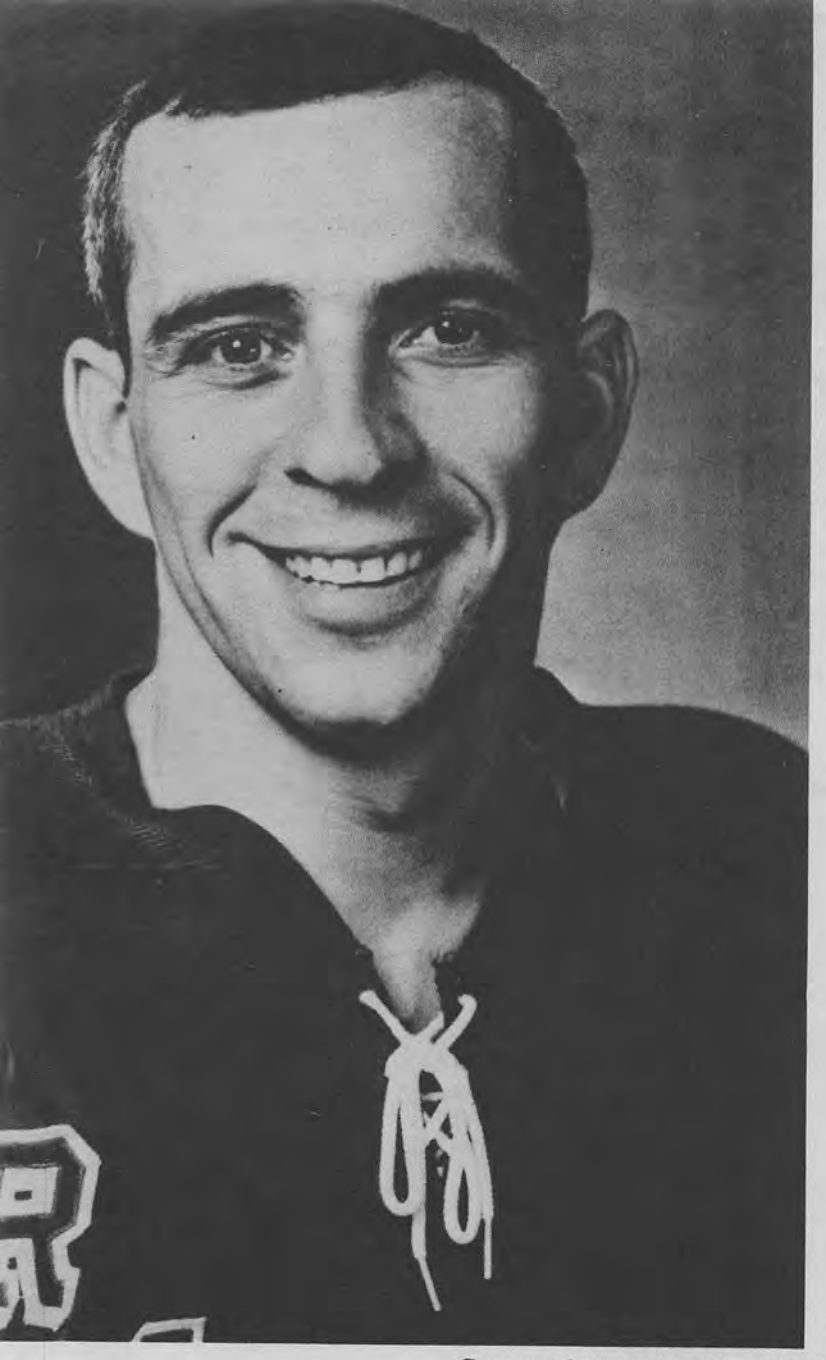
by Elbows Underdoken

■ Pasted on the wall beside Eddie Giacomin's locker in the dressing room of the New York Rangers is a collection of "kid stuff" — poems, magazine photos, letters and decals.

"There's no particular significance to the stuff, I just like it," says Giacomin, the grey-templed goalie who has led the startling Rangers from the brink of despair to the top of the hockey world.

That's typical of the mild-mannered goalie. In a word, he's different . . . not average . . . not run-of-the-mill . . . not Jacques Plante. He's just Ed Giacomin, and as far as New York's vociferous fans are concerned, that's plenty.

It wasn't always that way, of course. Going back five years to May of 1965, the word among New York's hockey followers was almost unanimous: "Who," the fans wanted to know, "is Eddie Giacomin?" It was a legitimate



Gray-specked goalie Giacomin formerly paid to play.

question, but fortunately Emile Francis, the Rangers' peppery general manager-coach, knew the answer in advance.

"Giacomin is the best goalie outside the National Hockey League," emphasized Francis, and Emile backed up his claim by shelling out a cool $100,000 worth of talent to pry Eddie from his former club, the forlorn Providence Reds of the American Hockey League.

Twenty-five years old at the time, Giacomin had languished in Providence for five full seasons. His goals against average was deceptive, but the knowledgeable hockey people knew he was playing on a poor team in what they call "a shooter's league."

"Goaltending is 70% of hockey," Francis said at the time, "and Eddie is going to be 70% of our team. He's our stopper."

Under the Francis System, nobody is ever handed a job. He's got to win one. It was no different with Giacomin. Francis had him and Cesare Maniago battling for the number one slot.

Like all goalies making the jump from minor to major, Giacomin had things to learn—lots of them. Francis, the only ex-goalie to become a general manager or coach, was the perfect teacher, and he was patient, working with his man practice after practice.

Even a short trip to the minors was included in Giacomin's learning process. When he came back, he was a better man.

Once, at the old Madison Square Garden, Giacomin was the physical target of the fans' abuse. The Rangers blew a two-goal lead to the Boston Bruins. The fans showered the ice and Giacomin with assorted debris—beer cups, ice cream boxes, programs. Elegant, it wasn't. Important, it was.

It was so important, in fact, that some have called it the turning point of his career. Despite the loss to the Bruins, Francis rallied to Giacomin's defense. "The next time they throw garbage at you, throw it right back," stormed Emile. "You're my goalie,

Eddie makes like a first baseman against Ron Anderson of St. Louis.

and nothing's going to stop you from being a good one." Nothing did.

Within a year, Giacomin was on the National Hockey League All-Star Team, the *first* All Star Team. What's more he had nine big shutouts, tops in the NHL and more than any other Ranger in history. He did it again the following season, making the second All-Star squad, and tacking eight more shutouts to his rapidly ballooning total.

By the start of the current season, it was unanimous: Giacomin was the premier netminder in the National Hockey League.

What made Giacomin the best? Several things. He is, according to Francis, "the hardest working player I've ever seen. He keeps it up, even in practice," points out Emile. "You play like you practice, and that's one of the keys to Eddie's success."

Determination is another key word in the Giacomin story. That's best illustrated by recalling an incident about a decade ago. Eddie was 20 at the time, and he failed to make the grade in junior hockey. The Hamilton (Ont.) Red Wings (of the Detroit system) sent Ed home from their training camp, electing to keep goalies Carl Wetzel and Dennis Jordan in his place.

Giacomin turned to Industrial League Hockey, guarding the net for the Bell Telephone Team in the Sudbury (Ont.) Commercial League in his home town. For most players, that would signal the end of the line. It's not unlike a major league ballplayer turning to pickup softball games on Sunday afternoons.

"I was working as an electrician's helper when my break came," recalls Eddie. Washington of the Eastern Amateur League needed a goalie for two weeks. They called Rollie Giacomin, Eddie's older brother who was the practice goalie for the Sudbury Wolves, a minor pro team.

"No thanks," said Rollie. "But if you're really stuck, maybe my kid brother can help you." They were stuck, so they took the kid brother.

Washington was owned by Providence of the American League and

Here Eddie foils Mickey Redmond of the feared Montreal Canadiens.

Eddie played there two weeks, then joined Providence the next season as a combination practice goalie and assistant trainer.

Nobody really expected him to improve, but Eddie applied himself and learned to play goal so well that before long he was the best the Reds had and (as things turned out) one of the best bargains in hockey history.

Making it to the National Hockey League—and the top of the National Hockey League—has been one big thrill for Giacomin. Yet he's remained the quiet, unflappable guy he was, even in Providence.

With his teammates, he's what they call "aces." He recalls: "Heck, I came through the back door to play this game. I love it. When I was 19, I had to pay to play hockey while others were getting paid to play."

Now, Eddie gets paid, and then some. Like the $100 he earns for each shutout. It's part of his contract, over and above his salary, and he's collected almost $3,000 for the goose eggs the last four years.

Still, Giacomin is different. Not regular different, but, you know, different. Here he is getting $100 bucks to keep the puck out of the net, and what's his secret ambition? He wants to *score* a goal himself.

It almost happened, too, and probably someday it will. It was a November, 1968 game in Madison Square Garden against the Montreal Canadiens. Trailing 3-2 in the closing minute, the Canadiens pulled their goalie, Gump Worsley, and rushed six strong at Giacomin.

Yvan Cournoyer fired a shot which Giacomin gloved. Instead of falling on the puck, Eddie dropped it, took a running start and shot it clear through a maze of players . . . toward the yawning net. The puck missed the right post by less than six inches, but nobody's betting against him the next time.

You can just imagine the roar such an event would produce, and the resulting public address announcement:

"Rangers goal by Giacomin; assists: Tkaczuk and Ratelle." ●

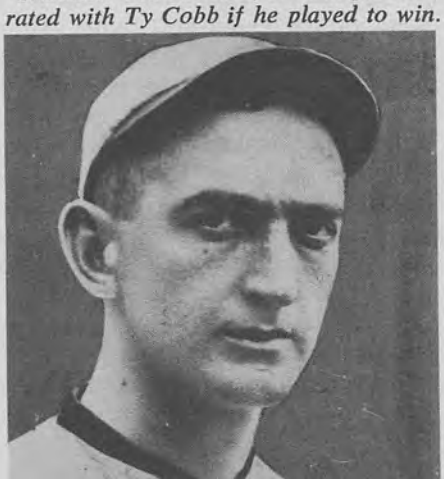
DOES THE "BLACK" SOX SCANDAL STILL SCARE BASEBALL?

by Harry Klaff

OUR NATIONAL GAME ALMOST FOLDED ONCE BECAUSE OF FIXED GAMES IN THE 1919 WORLD SERIES, AND RECENT COMMISSIONERS HAVE DREADED A REPETITION

■ On September 28, 1920, one of the greatest bomshells ever dropped on the National Pastime came from a Chicago grand jury. The jury had just issued indictments against eight players on the Chicago White Sox. These eight players had been accused of throwing the 1919 World Series. For a long time afterwards baseball would suffer the suspicion of underworld connections. In addition, many people who formerly had great trust in the game could now only shudder and look for an explanation from above.

"Shoeless" Joe Jackson, who might have rated with Ty Cobb if he played to win.



The eight men involved in the great fix were all stars of the great White Sox team that dominated the sport in the years just before the Twenties. It was a squad developed by owner Charley Comiskey, who was famous (or infamous), for getting as much as he could from a ballplayer with the least possible expenditure. When the scandal was over, eight men—eight human beings who could do only what they knew best, the game of baseball—were banished from all levels of organized ball forever.

Legal proceedings were taken out

Bowie Kuhn, flanked by baseball greats Willie Mays and Joe DiMaggio.

against the men involved, and many expected that lengthy jail sentences would follow. However, baseball had its own way of handling the situation. By backing up the players with the best lawyers it could find, the sport got the inglorious group off the book as far as the courts were concerned. But the new commissioner, Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, was dedicated to punishing these players to the fullest extent. With the movement of a pen, pitchers Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams, first baseman Arnold (Chick) Gandil, shortstop Charles (Swede) Risberg, third baseman George (Buck) Weaver, center fielder Oscar (Hap) Felsch, and utility infielder Fred McMullin, never again wore a professional baseball uniform. But the most famous of the notorious group was left fielder Joe Jackson. Joe was probably the only batter envied by the great Ty Cobb, who seemed to edge him out every year for the batting title. Jackson's lifetime batting average was .356, third highest in major league history (behind Cobb and Rogers Hornsby), yet this superstar was never to be remembered for his feats on the field but was instead to be recalled in the future as a man who threw a World Series.

Baseball games had been fixed before for the benefit of gamblers, but never before on as high a level as a World Series. Many times in the past, ballplayers had been approached by gamblers for the purpose of fixing a game. Sometimes they were bought, other times not. What made the "Black" Sox scandal more unique was the fact that it was the *players* who went to the underworld to arrange the deed.

It seems that many of the White Sox players were rather disturbed by the low salaries paid to them by owner Comiskey. They knew that they were probably the best team in the game and that they were grossly underpaid, particularly in comparison with their opponent in the 1919 Series, the Cincinnati Reds, who were only fair as far as pennant winners go. Although hatred against Comiskey was widespread on the Sox bench, it was first baseman Chick Gandil who decided to do something about it.

Late in the 1919 season, after it had become evident that the White Sox would repeat as American League champions, Gandil approached a known gambler, Sport Sullivan, with his scheme. Sullivan was interested, and the machinations for the diabolical plot were in motion. Gandil's next move was to enlist other members of the squad for the great hoax. His first convert was pitcher Eddie Cicotte, who at first said no but soon changed his mind. In quick order, other members of the White Sox were brought into the fold.

In the days just before the Series opened there was already a musty odor in the air. On paper, the White Sox were a super team, while the Reds were a good but far from terrorizing ballclub. Since most betting odds are based on such "paper" outlines, it would have been expected that the White Sox would be heavy favorites. However, as the first game began, the Reds were the choice of the oddmakers.

Although the details of the fix had been worked out, and the first installment of the $80,000 promised to the Sox was paid, the gamblers were still uneasy as the first game approached. According to instructions, starting pitcher Ed Cicotte would hit the first Cincinnati batter to signal that "all was well." When Cicotte's pitch hit

Hysterical faith of screaming Mets fans is based on belief all games are on the up and up. Picture shows tumultuous celebration last October after Mets won World Series.

Morrie Rath in the shoulder, the "money power" knew that everything was in order and several thousand additional dollars were immediately placed on the Reds by the syndicate.

As the Series opened, there were suspicions on the part of many observers that something was amiss. However, it was difficult to determine whether the misplays and errors by the Sox were fraudulent. As scorer J. G. Taylor Spink said some years later of the Series, "Certainly the great majority of the men covering that Series thought it was on the up and up, and though a few suspicious plays later came to me, I tried to convince myself that I was scoring an honest Series. Cicotte deflecting a "strike" thrown in by an outfielder that would have shot a Red down at the plate could have been due to the stress and excitement of World Series play, and Gandil's failure to slide into third on a close play might have been just one of those boners one sees in some ball park every day of the week."

There were some, however, who from the start were not fooled notably manager Kid Gleason and catcher Ray Schalk. In the first game Cicotte was bombed 9-1 as Schalk was crossed up time and time again, calling for a low curve ball and getting a grooved offspeed pitch. After the second game, Schalk was positive. Claude Williams, a master of control who could drop a curve ball off a table, was blasted on off-speed deliveries. Schalk then took it unto himself to correct the situation. After the game, won by Cincinnati 4-2, Schalk beat Williams with his fists, while Gleason went after Gandil. A brief scuffle ensued, but the attackers were pulled off as Williams and Gandil were defended by arguments that "everyone has an off day."

Flakey mod-dressing types — such as Ken "Hawk" Harrelson—who lead tumultuous off-the-field lives worry the Commissioner.

When tempers had cooled slightly, the World Series went on as "planned." The White Sox were "ordered" to win the third game and would have done so anyway behind the shutout pitching of honest southpaw Dickie Kerr. Cincinnati was then given the next two games on glaring "errors" by Cicotte, Jackson, and Felsch. Normally the Series would have ended at that point, but 1919 was the first year of an experiment to make the Fall Classic a best-of-nine affair. The White Sox took the next two games to make the slate four games to three in favor of the Reds. At this point, the fixers became nervous. The night before the eighth game, Claude Williams was reportedly approached by a shady character on the street, and all was well again. With Williams on the mound the next day serving the finest meat balls, the Reds won the game and the Series, five games to three.

Honest Dickie Kerr, who tried all the way.

Chick Gandil was the ring leader of the dump and the man who contacted the gamblers.

As the 1920 season progressed, there was still a great deal of talk concerning a possible fix the year before. In spite of increasing evidence, the majority of observers, writers, and fans could not believe that such a thing could take place in something as pure as baseball. Comiskey himself even offered $20,000 to anyone who could bring forward evidence which would clear the situation. There were no takers. As September drew on, the White Sox were in the midst of a torrid pennant battle with the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees. Suddenly the entire story was spilled as each player was called to appear before the grand jury. It was at this point that the famous exchange between Shoeless Joe Jackson and a small fan took place.

"Say it ain't so, Joe. Say it ain't so."

"Yes, kid, I'm afraid it is."

"Well, I never would have thought it."

When the indictments were handed down, Charley Comiskey acted quickly—he immediately suspended all players involved. In doing so, he conceded the pennant to the Indians. The Sox finished second, two games out, and one game ahead of the thirdplace Yankees.

Still, the game of baseball was

Swede Risberg was Gandil's accomplice and partner in crime.

shaken. It needed a saviour to pull it through its most serious crisis. The saviour came in the form of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, famous for his leading role in busting the Standard Oil Trust of John D. Rockefeller. Under Landis's tough but wise leadership, baseball survived the storm and entered the "Golden Age" of the 1920's and 30's, when names such as Ruth, Gehrig, Dean and Terry made the American public forget the inglorious event of the previous decade.

The integrity and honesty of the game of baseball has again been challenged in recent months, with the name of Denny McLain most in the headlines. As was the case in the White Sox Scandal, the American public appears reluctant to admit that there could possibly be something wrong with the national game.

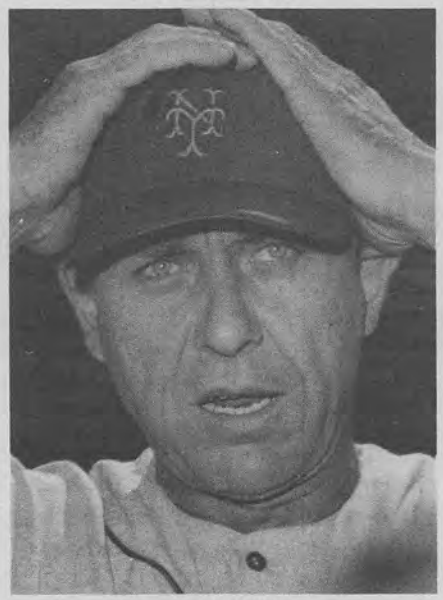
Although nothing has yet been conclusively proven, one must wonder if baseball could survive the likes of another White Sox Scandal. Under such a state of emergency, could someone like Bowie Kuhn, who has already proven that he is not merely a rubber stamp for the moguls of baseball, act with the authority of a Judge Landis? Would the American public forgive and forget as it did in the 20's and 30's or would baseball fall hopelessly behind the football and basketball stampede? These are questions that the American public will answer for themselves if and when a new crisis develops. But where there is smoke there is fire and a panic could be forthcoming at any time. Americans are an optimistic lot and usually look to a source of high authority to tell them that all is well. Say it ain't so, Bowie. Say it ain't so. •

REVEALED

HODGES' SECRET PLAN FOR SEAVER & KOOSMAN

by Tony Rogers

Jerry Koosman



Manager Gil Hodges

Tom Seaver

LUCK, SCOUTING SKILL HELPED METS ASSEMBLE MASTER PITCHER STAFF AND BECOME DESTINY'S DARLINGS

■ The New York Mets pulled the miracle of the decade by going all the way last year. Ask why, and almost exeryone would point to the team's pitching staff. Pitching is 75% of baseball, Connie Mack once said, and the Mets showed why last year. There is little doubt that they have baseball's finest staff. Some feel that because of the relative youth of their pitchers, they may someday be the all-time best. What circumstances helped the Mets to assemble this group? As we shall see, luck played no small part.

The leader of the Mets is their 25-year-old Cy Young award winner Tom Seaver. Tom won 25 games last year despite a sore shoulder that kept him from peak efficiency for six weeks. It is a tribute to his talent that it was during this period that Tom pitched his masterpiece, an 8⅓ inning perfect game against the Chicago Cubs in July. Only Jim Quall's single with one out in the ninth kept Seaver from perfection. How did the Mets acquire Tom? Believe it or not, by a lottery.

Seaver was originally signed by

Are Tom Seaver and Jerry Koosman the new Drysdale and Koufax? Depth of Mets staff is amazing. Seaver was obtained in a lottery and Koosman was discovered by a Shea Stadium usher.

Tom Seaver, the winner of the 1969 Professional Athlete of the Year Award, is further advanced than Don Drysdale was at a similar stage in his career. Seaver was an Atlanta Braves discovery.

the Atlanta Braves in 1966 while a student at U.S.C. However, there is a baseball rule which prohibits clubs from signing players on college teams during the collegiate baseball season. This was the rule the Braves broke. Therefore, Commissioner William Eckert voided the contract. Since Tom had accepted money from the Braves, however, he was no longer eligible for collegiate competition. Tom appealed to the Commissioner that he couldn't play anywhere. It was decided that any club wishing to match the Braves' $50,000 offer would be allowed to bid for Seaver. The Mets, Indians, and Phillies were the only teams to submit bids. The drawing was held and the Mets won; and they've been winning ever since.

The other half of the Mets 1-2 punch is southpaw Jerry Koosman. Koos won 19 games in his freshman year in 1968 but slipped back to 17 last year. It must be said, however, that Koos missed a good part of April and May because of arm miseries. Had he been healthy all year, he would have had 20. Jerry, who finished second to Cincinnati's John Bench in 1968 rookie-of-the-year voting, came to the Mets on the recommendation of one of their ushers. While serving at Fort Bliss, Texas, in 1964, Jerry's catcher was the son of John Luchese, who is still a Shea Stadium usher. Luchese contacted the Mets front office and scouts were dispatched to watch Koos. Soon after, Jerry was signed to a modest bonus.

The Mets' third starter during 1969 was Gary Gentry. Gary finished with a so-so record of 13-12, showed a tendency to throw home run balls, but also showed much promise for the future. It was Gentry who hurled the shutout on September 24 that clinched the divisional championship for the Mets. Also, Gary was the winner of the third World Series game, the game Earl Weaver was sure Baltimore would win. Weaver felt the pitching match-ups of Cuellar vs. Seaver, and McNally vs. Koosman were toss-ups, but was sure his man Jim Palmer had the advantage over Gentry. Gary not only shut the Birds out for seven innings, but it was his double in the second inning that drove in two runs that really sent the Orioles reeling. The story of Gary's acquisition by the Mets is more straightforward He was chosen by the Mets

Don Drysdale had to hold out to get salary above $100,000. *Seaver may eventually hit* $200,000.

Jerry Koosman grows tomatoes and victories in Shea Stadium. Not as fast or as spectacular as Sandy Koufax, Koos has shown he can pitch with a sore arm just like Sandy.

It took Koufax almost five years to gain control of his fastball, something Koosman has had almost from the start.

Ron Taylor, Canadian relief pitcher is congratulated after saving Seaver's playoff victory over Atlanta Braves.

Casey never had a pitching staff like the 1970 Mets, but he did insist on New York taking a chance on sore-backed ***Ron Taylor***

Nolan Ryan is hugged by catcher Jerry Grote after Ryan fireballed his way to NL pennant in playoff with Braves.

in the June, 1967 draft after leading Arizona State to victory in the College World Series.

Nolan Ryan probably has the most raw talent on the staff. Nolan is a flame-thrower who develops blisters on his pitching hand and uses pickle brine to try to prevent it. When right, Ryan is one of the fastest throwers in baseball. However, he is a little injury-prone and last year's pennant race did not allow the Mets to give him enough work to get him into shape. However, he still struck out 92 batters in 89 innings, an average of more than one an inning. Ryan, like Gentry, was a product of the free agent draft.

Jim McAndrew's introduction to the Major Leagues might have broken the heart of many a man. Called up on an emergency basis in July, 1968, Jim broke in on a hot Sunday afternoon in St. Louis against Bob Gibson. He left with his team trailing 1-0 (because of a misplayed ball in the outfield) and New York ultimately lost 2-0. As a matter of fact, the Mets did not score in five of his first seven starts. His first victory was by a score of 1-0. Last year he was injured much of the season although he did turn in a two-hitter against the Phillies on

Gary Gentry examines the scene of Mets triumph a couple of hours after final World Series game and after Shea Stadium had been scalped by exuberant Mets fans looking for souvenirs.

Tug McGraw is a heart attack pitcher always getting into and out of jams, but he was big stopper coming out of Mets bullpen.

June 24. McAndrew is a product of the Mets organization.

Don Cardwell, the elder statesman of the staff, lent stability to the young arms. Although his record was only 8-10, he won several key games for the Mets in the latter part of the year, including a 1-0 victory over the Pirates in the second game of a twi-night doubleheader in mid-September when he drove in the only run. The North Carolina native was acquired along with Don Bosch by the Mets in a trade with the Pirates for Dennis Ribant and Gary Kolb in December, 1966.

The two mainstays of the bullpen were right-hander Ron Taylor and southpaw Tug McGraw. Until last year, McGraw's only claim to fame was that he was the first Met to beat Sandy Koufax. He also had a reputation as a little boy who jumped up and down when things did not go well. A stint in the marines and marriage seemed to help Tug mature, so that last year he was the best fireman in the National League. Tug never did things the easy way but he usually managed to dig his way out. An example was the night of July 2 when McGraw came into a 4-4 game against the Cardinals. In the ninth inning, only

Clutch veteran Don Cardwell is only "Old Folks" on young staff.

a great throw by Tommy Agee in center field cut down the winning run at the plate. In the tenth, he loaded the bases with none out, but a pop-up, a strike-out, and a force-play bailed the Mets out. Eventully, the Mets won the game in fourteen innings. Many believe this was the time when the Mets started to believe they might beat out the Cards. Tug is also a product of the Mets organization.

Ron Taylor was the only Met with previous World Series experience last year. After spending time with the Cardinals and Houston Astros, Ron was selected in the minor league draft by the Mets' Jacksonville farm team from Oklahoma City in 1967. Ron attended the Mets camp that year and surprised many observers by sticking. While not as flashy as McGraw, Ron saved 13 games and compiled a 9-4 record.

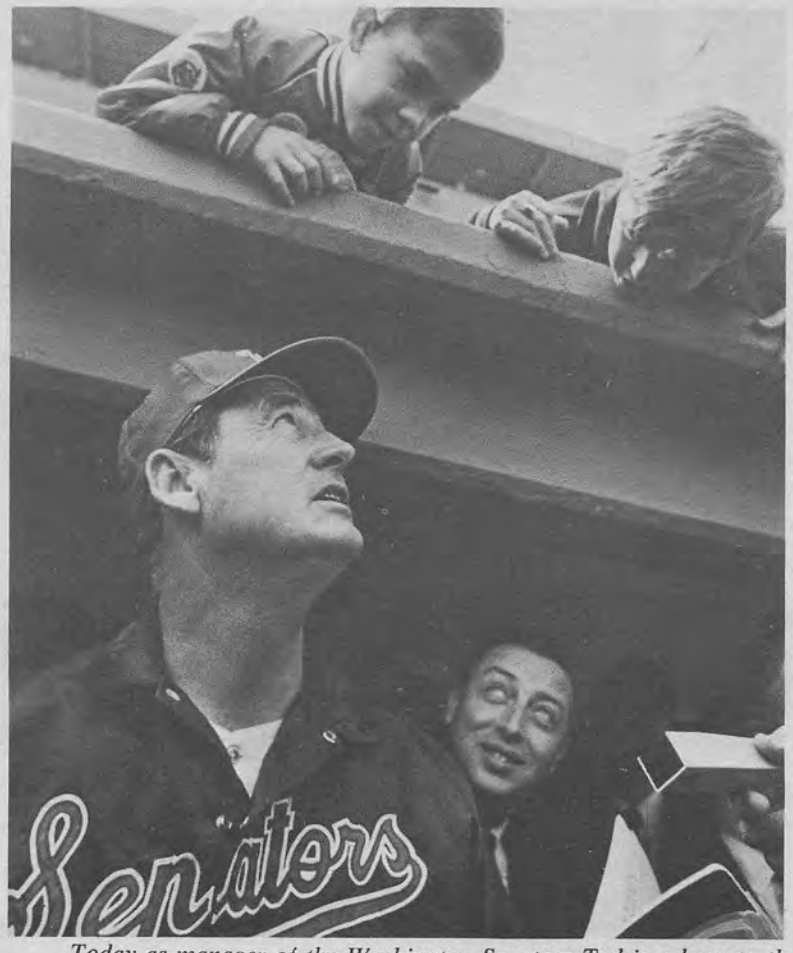
Also back this year will be Cal Koonce, who was sidelined at the end of last year by a back injury. Cal's main claim to fame may be the candid admission he made during the 1968 season that he used a spit ball. Cal was obtained by the Mets from the Chicago Cubs in August, 1967.

The Mets may also have the corner on young pitching prospects. John Matlack has been called by many a star of the future. Jim Bibby is young and strong. With such an array of talent on the mound, the New Yorkers figure to be in pennant contention for many years to come.

Gil Hodges' secret plans are to give Tom and Jerry more rest this season in order to insure the longevity of their careers and the Mets domination. The depth of the Mets pitching staff makes this possible. •

CAN TED WILLIAMS KEEP IT

by Jeff Shermack



Today as manager of the Washington Senators Ted is a hero to the small fry all over the nation, but particularly in Washington and Boston.

In 1940 Ted vowed never to tip his cap to the fans, and he kept his promise until the last day of his career, September 26, 1960.

GREAT PLAYERS NEVER MAKE GOOD MANAGERS IS ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT—SO FAR, TEMPERAMENTAL TED HAS

■ When Bob Short bought control of the Washington Senators before the 1969 season, he knew he acquired a team whose history had branded it a long-time loser. After straightening out the business end of his transaction, Short's next move was to do something about his troupe's condition on the field. Since the Senators had finished in last place in 1968, 37½ games behind the front-running Tigers, it was not surprising that the incumbent manager, Jim Lemon, would be fired. Short's replacement was not picked from among the poor-player, good-student-of-the-game types who seem to have been making good in the managerial ranks in recent years. Instead, he chose one Theodore Samuel Williams—the last .400 hitter in the major leagues, slugger of 521 home runs, and a member of the Hall of Fame.

As soon as the announcement was made, many "experts" of the game, ranking from the working press to the ten-year-old bubblegum card collector, wrote the appointment off simply as a "publicity stunt" to bring more fans into Robert F. Kennedy Stadium. After all, Williams was a hitter and a temperamental human being. What did he know about managing?

A common belief among sports buffs is that the great player is incap-

UP?

Ted hit many clutch homers including a ninth-inning shot to win an all-star game, but he never removed his cap

Ted Williams, the Splendid Splinter in action in 1941, the year he hit .406 for the Boston Red Sox.

able of making a good manager or coach. The reasoning behind this statement is that since the man was such a great player, he would expect all of his players to perform as he did. When his team fails to come up to par, the superstar-manager becomes enraged, disenchanted, and loses the respect of his club.

Perhaps a classic example of this phenomenon is the case of Rogers Hornsby. Hornsby finished his playing career with the second-highest lifetime batting average in the history of baseball at .358. In the fifteen years that he played as a regular he topped the .400 mark three times, and in 1924 recorded the highest seasonal batting mark in modern history—.424. On the bench, Hornsby was a total failure. Although he won the pennant as player-manager for the Cardinals in 1926, the remainder of his managerial career with several clubs was a dismal failure. It seems there was always a personality clash with his players which developed because Hornsby felt that they were "not putting out." It was impossible for him believe that anyone could perform with less skill than his own.

When the curtain fell on the 1969 season, Ted had proved emphatically that the skeptics were wrong. Williams' terrible temper, which most observers felt would display itself in the first week of spring training, never appeared as Ted calmly fathered his Senators to their best finish in years.

The club's 86-76 slate was a twenty-one game improvement over 1968, when they finished dead last. In addition, the last time any Washington team finished more than ten games over .500 was the war-diluted season of 1945—twenty-five years ago! It was a shock when Williams was selected as American League Manager of the Year. Even Ted himself was amazed by the way things went. "Everything turned out better than I thought possible," he said shortly after the close of the season.

LEO DUROCHER GOT "SICK" IN MIDSEASON IN 1969 TO VISIT HIS NEW WIFE'S CHILDREN. WILL TED GO FISHING IN 1970?

Perhaps his best job in managing the Senators came in his handling of the sensitive giant Frank Howard, who claimed Ted taught him more about hitting than anyone else.

Almost singlehanded, Williams had changed the attitudes of the people of the nation's capitol. By season's end, the 900,000 fans who had paid their way into the ballpark were convinced they were rooting for a winning ballclub. In their minds, Williams was the Moses who would deliver them to the Promised Land. In a rare display on the final afternoon of the campaign, the home crowd rewarded him with a tremendous spontaneous ovation. In response to the tribute, Ted twirled his hat to the fans for the first time in recent memory. The great-stone-face Williams had recognized the Washington fans as his friends.

Things did not begin with such a rosy picture. When the 1969 grapefruit session began, Williams was neither as relaxed nor as confident as he was by the end of the season. By his own admission, he was not at all familiar with the squad as a whole, or the individual capabilities of his players. He said of the early going in retrospect, "When I took this job, I didn't know what was going to happen. It took me a while to be at ease."

It wasn't until the season opened that Williams had a true picture of his club. In many cases, he had as much difficulty remembering a player's name as in remembering what that player could do on the field. For the most part, Williams found himself relying on the advice of his able coaching crew—Nellie Fox, Sid Hudson, Wayne Terwilliger, and George Susce. Williams has retained all these men for the 1970 season.

Probably the major reason for the Senators' rise in 1969 was the development of giant Frank Howard and Mike Epstein. It is in the performances of these two that we find Williams' most precious talent—the ability to teach. Before he came under Ted's tutelage, Frank Howard was known as a man-mountain who could hit a baseball 500 feet, but who struck out more frequently on bad balls. Under Williams' watchful eye, Howard learned the strike zone and lost his reputation as a lunger for bad balls. As a result, Frank had his most successful season since breaking in with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1960, as he batted .296 with 48 home runs.

Mike Epstein has been recognized for a few years now as a bundle of muscles and talent waiting to be developed. Williams spent many patient hours with his prize pupil, and proceeded to manufacture a major-league hitter. With Williams' continuous instruction, Epstein raised his batting mark more than 40 points from the previous year as he hit .278 with 30 round-trippers.

Williams also taught Mike Epstein the strike zone and made a good hitter out of him.

The scope of the Williams Professorship did not end with the hitters. Everyone knew at the beginning of the season that Ted would be able to help them, but his ability to coach the pitchers was questioned. As the season drew on, William expertly answered the query, what does an all-time hitter know about pitchers. His reply was simple—Everything. Dick Bosman became a top American League hurler last year, and the tall righthander was never reluctant to give most of the credit to his manager. Williams spent considerable time with Bosman throughout the year on his breaking pitches, and drummed into him that he was one of the best pitchers in the majors. Ted's teaching evidently paid off as Bosman wound up with a 14-5 slate with a nifty ERA of 2.19.

The mystique that is Ted Williams does not end with the playing field. When the tensions of his rookie campaign as a field boss left Ted somewhat wound up at season's end, he felt he should get away for a while. The average individual would take a vacation in Florida or perhaps the West Indies to relax. Not Ted Williams. Ted relaxes by going to Africa for an old-fashioned safari.

In a sequence filmed for ABC-TV's *American Sportsman,* Ted bagged a couple of antelopes and a Cape buffalo for his trophy room. Evidently, the experience proved to be minor-league caliber for the free-living Williams. "Next time, I'm going to prime elephant country," he stated on his return.

In addition to a needed "rest," the quiet hours of the safari gave him plenty of time to map out the Senators' plans for the 1970 season. For the most part, Williams is taking the same team that left the field at the end of last season with him for the coming year.

In doing so, he is expressing confidence that many of the men who began to develop into dependable major-leaguers last term will continue to make progress. If Howard, Epstein, Ed Brinkman, Del Unser, Bosman, and Casey Cox continue to improve, the Senators may be capable of making a move into the Eastern Division hierarchy.

Ted Williams proved the critics wrong in 1969. The man they pictured as an uncompromising tyrant, a "do it my way or else" figure, was something else again. Instead, Ted showed a tremendous ability to be a leader of men, to be forceful yet human. If his success continues, Ted Williams may be the first man elected to the Hall of Fame twice—once as a great player, and again as a great manager! •

Ted Simmons is key Cardinal rookie.

Bob Robertson is expected to play first for Pirates if he can unseat Al Oliver.

1970 THE YEAR OF THE ROOKIE

by Enos Azambuju

■ Expansion paved the way for more than 100 first-year men to grab spots on major-league rosters last season. Lou Pinella of the Kansas City Royals was the American League rookie of the year on the basis of a .282 batting average and 68 RBI's, while Dodger infielder Ted Sizemore walked off with the National League award. He played in 159 games and hit .271.

By definition, a rookie is a player with not more than 45 days on a major-league roster during 25-man roster cutdown dates, and who has not exceeded 90 times at bat or 45 innings pitched. Here is a pre-season look a what the 1970 rookie crop looks like.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

METS

Most baseball people agree that the Mets became world champions on the strength of a fine young pitching staff. Things look even brighter for the current campaign with such young flamethrowers as Jim Bibby, Jon Matlock, Les Rohr and Randy Sterling waiting in the wings to show their stuff. Jesse Hudson has an outside chance of making the squad as left-handed relief pitcher. He had a 1.38 earned average in 65 games with Memphis last season.

Mike Jorgenson, who hit .290 with 21 homers at Tidewater of the International League appears about ready to battle Ed Kranepool and Donn Clendenon for the first-base job. Tim Foli, the number-one draft choice in the country two years ago, will battle for an infield spot, although a year in Triple-A ball is probably what he needs. Leroy Stanton and Ken Singleton are the best two outfield prospects.

CARINALS

With the departure of Vada Pinson and Curt Flood via the trade route, the Cardinals will have a couple of openings in the outfield. Leron Lee is rated the best shot at breaking in with the big club. He hit .303 at Tulsa in 1969, and showed some power with 17 homers. Jose Cruz, .273 at Tulsa, is also rated a good major-league prospect.

The Cardinals' big three of Bob Gibson, Nelson Briles and Steve Carlton will once again head up the pitching staff. But waiting in the wings are such young pitching hopefuls as Jerry Reuss, Santiago Guzman, Sal Campisi and Tom Hilgendorf. Ted Simmons is rated the best young catcher to come along since Johnny Bench. If he makes it to the big squad, it will force Joe Torre to first base and Richie Allen to the outfield. Simmons hit .317 at Tulsa with 17 home runs.

PIRATES

The Bucs came up with two infield gems in 1969 when Al Oliver and Richie Hebner enjoyed outstanding freshman seasons at first and third

ROOKIE CROP COULD CHANGE BALANCE OF POWER

Ken Brett is promising Red Sox southpaw hope.

base. Dave Cash, 22-year-old second baseman who hit .291 at Columbus is given a good chance to take over the second-base job. Especially if Bill Mazeroski can't make it back from the leg injuries that sidelined him for much of last season. Young slugger Bob Robertson, with 33 homers at Columbus in 1969 will probably have to be converted into an outfielder because Oliver looks like a fixture at first base for many years to come.

Pitching appears to be the Pirates' main need and they will choose from among Fred Cambria, Gene Garber, Frank Brousseau and Denny Riddleberger. If the youngsters don't come through, the Bucs will be forced to turn to the trade market for pitching help.

CUBS

Joe Decker, Jim Colborn, Archie Reynolds, Darcy Fast, Dave Lemonds and Dean Burk. At least two and possibly three of these young pitchers will have to make the jump to the big leagues if the Cubs are to rebound from last season's collapse. Fast, a hard-throwing southpaw, and Decker, a 10-game winner at Tacoma in 1969, appear to be the best bets to lend a much-needed helping hand to the Cub staff.

The little Bears are in dire need of a center fielder and could use a good young backup man at first base and behind the plate. Roe Skidmore, a 24-year-old rookie from Decatur, Illinois is given a good chance to stick as Ernie Banks fill-in when "Mr. Cub" needs a rest. Jimmie McMath and Cleo James are the best-looking outfield prospectors and Randy Bobb, Johnny Hairston and Ken Rudolph will battle for the number-two catching spot behind Randy Hundley.

PHILLIES

The Phillies will be a revamped team in 1970 and there are several wide-open spots. Freshman manager Frank Lucchesi's big project in Florida will be a couple of youngsters who played at Eugene in the Pacific Coast League, Denny Doyle and Larry Bowa. Bowa, a sharp fielder with excellent speed hit .287 last year, and is expected to be the regular shortstop. Doyle, 25 years old, got a late start in pro ball but enjoyed his finest season last year when he hit .310 while playing a strong second base. If they both come through, last season's regular shortstop Don Money will be moved to third base.

Two pitchers, lefthanded Pat Bayless and righthander Billy Wolfe have a good chance of wearing red pinstripes in 1970. Jackson was obtained from the Red Sox and Wolfe, a hard-throwing, 6-3, 200-pounder could make it as starters or relief pitchers.

Others with a good chance to make the 25-man roster on opening day include outfielder Billy Schlesinger, catcher Mike Compton and (still another good-looking infielder) Greg Luzinski. Luzinski hit .289 at Raleigh-Durham and is rated very high.

Thurmon Munson is part of youthful Yankee Stadium crew.

EXPOS

The Expos pulled a few plums out of the expansion draft last year such as Coco Laboy, Bill Stoneman and Mike Wegener. As any team starting only their second season learns, it's hard to find the good young players. With a farm system still in the embryo stage,, there are very few rookie of the year candidates to choose from.

Mary Stahle showed well in September after being recalled from Vancouver. He will battle Gary Sutherland for the second-base job. Jay Carden, a pitcher obtained from the Mets in the Donn Clendenon trade was 6-3 at Voncouver and might be ready for the big jump. John Strohmayer and Ernie McAnally are a couple of other young pitching hopefuls.

John Ellis is strong, but raw. He is part of Yankees' future.

Outfielder Don Hahn who opened the season with the Expos had a good season at Vancouver and might be ready for major-league pitching, and infielder Garry Jestadt has an outside chance at making the squad.

REDS

With Alex Johnson gone to the Angels, it would appear that the Reds will be hurting for a left fielder. But this is not the case, because they have two minor-league batting champs to choose from as Johnson's replacement. Ernie Carbo led the American Association with a .359 average, and Angel Bravo paced the Pacific Coast league with a .343 mark at Tucson. Both should make the big club.

As is usually the case in Cincinnati, the Reds are searching for some young, strong and talented pitchers. Wayne Simpson, a 6-3 200-pounder had a good season at Indianapolis, and should provide some help as either a starter or long relief pitcher. Pedro Borbon and Vern Geishert, obtained from the Angels in the Alex Johnson deal could help the bullpen.

Dave Concepcion has a shot at the shortstop job and a young first baseman named Dave Anderson might squeeze out a spot for himself. Anderson hit .324 with 18 homers at Asheville of the Southern Association.

BRAVES

Manager Luman Harris will be blessed with several outstanding pitching and outfielding prospects. Mike McQueen, Rick Kester and Garry Hill are the pitching hopefuls with McQueen, only 20, considered the brightest of the trio.

With Felipe Alou gone to Oakland and Tony Gonzalez and even Henry Aaron needing some rest, Atlanta has some openings in the pastures. Ralph Garr, a speedster with great potential could wind up with the center-field spot before the season is over. Oscar Brown and Dusty Baker are two more fine-looking outfield candidates.

Orlando Cepeda will find Jim Breazeale looking over his shoulder this spring and the youngster might make the club as the man to give the "Baby Bull" the occasional rest he needs. Darrell Evans is a third baseman who might just give the veteran Clete Boyer a tough battle for the starting job at the hot corner.

DODGERS

Fred Norman, 13-6 with a 2.62 ERA at Spokane in 1969 could be the lefthanded reliever the Dodgers have been searching for ever since they traded Ron Perranoski to the Twins. Jim Brewer did a fine job last year until his arm got tired in late August and his effectiveness diminished. With his sharp-breaking screwball, Brewer is usually tougher on right-handed batters, so Norman would be a welcome addition. Jack Jenkins is another good-looking hurler who would probably be most effective coming out of the bullpen.

Infielders Bobby Valentine, 19, and Steve Garvey, 20, are fine-looking prospects and one of them could stick as a utility man. Bill Buckner, an outfielder, hit .315 at Spokane after moving up from Albuquerque. But with Willie Davis, Andy Kosco, Manny Mota, Bill Russell and Willie Crawford already established on the big club, it will be very tough for any outfielder to gain a spot in Dodger Stadium.

ASTROS

Joe Pepitone had better be on his toes when he reports to Florida, because waiting in the wings for the first-base job is a youngster named John Mayberry, who is considered the best hitting prospect in the Houston organization. The 21-year-old Detroit native hit 21 home runs, drove in 78 runs and hit .303 at Oklahoma City last year in only his second pro season.

Keith Lampard was very impressive in a brief September trial with the Astros, and off his 21 homers and .288 average at Oklahoma City has a shot at making the parent club. In the pitching department, two hard-throwing young righthanders named Bob Watkins and Scipio Spinks

appear to have big-league stuff. If they can master their control a little more, they could spend 1970 pitching in the Astrodome.

GIANTS

With Willie Mays needing some time off, the Giants hope to be able to get some help from such young outfielding prospects as George Foster, Garry Mathews and Bernie Wilson. If Jim Ray Hart gets over the injuries that plagued him most of last season, there would be room for only one of the rookies on the squad. Foster appears to have the inside track.

Bobby Heise, obtained from the Mets, and Alan Gallagher are two good-looking young infielders. Both have a fine chance of taking over at either third base or shortstop from veterans Jim Davenport, Hal Lanier and Tito Fuentes. Second baseman Ron Hunt could also use some backup help.

The Giants traded away Ray Sadecki, Ron Herbel and Bob Bolin so manager Clyde King has justified concerns about pitching depth. Rich Robertson and Ron Bryant are not rookies, having spent half the season with the Jints but they must come through if they are to make a serious run at the flag. Bob Garibaldi, a bonus baby from a couple of years back shapes up as the leading rookie candidate.

PADRES

Eleven rookies are listed on the Padres' spring roster and at least four or five of them must produce if manager Preston Gomez' team is to start an upward move in the standings. Mike Corkins is expected to make the strongest bid among the pitchers. He was up for a couple of weeks last September and looked impressive. He hurled a no-hitter for Elmira in the Eastern League and achieved 125 strikeouts in 127 innings. Leon Everitt, Phil Knuckles and Dick James also will be given a long look in Florida.

Infielders Francisco Libran, Rafael Robles and Ron Slocum have excellent chances of making the parent club. Libran and Robles comprise the double-play combination of the future for San Diego, but probably are a year away from being ready for big-league pitching. Slocum made a brief appearance for the Padres last season, and hit .292 in 13 games. He sure should be able to stick in 1970.

Rookie outfielders Andy Finlay, Jerry Morales and Jim Williams have more than an outside chance of making the major-league roster. Williams and Morales both hit over .270 at Elmira and are rated high as glove men. Fred Kendall is the best-looking young catcher.

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ORIOLES

Only an excess of injuries would leave much room on the Oriole roster for rookies. John Montague and Wayne Garland appear to be the best-looking of the young pitching prospects. Montague was 12-8 with Miami, and Garland posted a mark of 4-3.

Terry Crowley, a lefthanded-hitting outfielder will try to squeeze onto the already loaded outfield scene. He belted 2 home runs and hit for a .282 average. Don Baylor and Roger Freed played in the Texas League last season and both will probably spend 1970 in Triple-A baseball. Bob Grich, a 20-year-old shortstop, is a top-rated prospect, but will have a tough time moving Mark Belanger out of the starting lineup.

RED SOX

Luis Alvarado, the International Leagues's Most Valuable Player in 1969, is scheduled to take over third base, forcing George Scott to move back to first base. Tony Muser will then step into the picture to battle Scott for the first-base job.

Billy Conigliaro should be ready for he big leagues and just might end up battling his brother Tony for an outfield spot. He started the season with the Beantowners but was sent out to Louisville for a little more polish.

Rookie pitchers Mike Garmen and Ken Brett are the most available-looking young pitchers. Garmen, a late-season sensation with a powerful

George Mitterwald of the Twins seems to have first string job in hip pocket. Can he stop monsters like Orioles' Boog Powell?

arm should make the staff, and Brett, a southpaw who has seen a little big-league action also, will get a long look from new skipper Eddie Kasko.

TIGERS

The Tigers think that Cesar Gutierrez will upgrade what was a shaky infield last season. Gutierrez is a fancy fielder who has come a long way with the bat. Tim Hosley and Gene Lamont will battle for the third-string catching job behind Bill Freehan and Jim Price. Hosley hit 27 homers at Rocky Mount last season.

In the pitching department the Bengals will pick from among Les Cain, Jim Foor, Fred Scherman and Bill Gilbreth. Cain looks like the best of the quartet. Wayne Redmond, off a good year at Toledo, has a good chance to stick in the outfield.

YANKEES

Rookie catching prospects Thurman Munson and John Ellis are both given excellent chances of making the big club in 1970. Manager Ralph Houk thinks the Yankees are only a hitter or two away from pennant contention and both Munson and Ellis have shown they can swing the stick. Ellis is also a possibility for some work at first base. Dave McDonald and Frank Tepedino will also be given a long look at the first-base job. Tepedino, with a good hitting background, is also a candidate for an outfield spot.

Ron Blomberg, the number-one choice in the 1967 draft, hit .280 with 17 homers at Manchester and has a bright future, though he will probably get some more seasoning at the Triple-A level. Tony Solaita is a young slugger who also plays first base, and hitting from the left side he is suited for the short right-field fence in Yankee Stadium.

The Bronx Bombers have some openings on the pitching staff and John Cumberland, Alan Closter and Steve Kline are the best-looking prospects. Ron Klimkowski, 14-7 at Syracuse, also has an outside chance of finding a spot.

Will Mike Jorgenson take the first base job away from Donn Clendenon and Ed Kranepool of the World Champion Mets?

INDIANS

The Indians hit rock-bottom last season and the 1970 squad appears flooded with holes. Phil Hennigan and Larry Staab are best-looking pitching hopefuls. Staab, 26 years old, has a history of a sore arm. Hennigan spent a couple of weeks with the parent club last season and could help.

Jack Heidemann, a highly touted rookie, has a good chance of taking over the number-one shortstop job from Larry Brown. Tony Horton, a rising power hitter has made first base the only really set position in the infield, and it is just Cleveland luck that their best-looking hitting prospect is also a first-sacker. Mike Carruthers, a 23-year-old slugger who hit .353 with Reno of the California League will not be ready for major-league pitching this season, but his future with the Indians probably depends on his finding another position.

The Senators finished 10 games above .500 in 1969, and Ted Williams' team was one of the surprises of major-league baseball. For the upsurge to continue, Washington needs some of their young prospects to reach major-league status. Jan Dukes pitched well in September and is rated very high. Dick Such, Jackie Brown and Mike Thompson are three more young hurlers with an outside chance of playing in the nation's capital in 1970.

Dick Stelmaszek has a chance to stick as the third-string catcher behind Paul Casanova and the newly acquired John Roseboro. Dave Nelson, obtained from the Indians, Kris Krebs and Tom Ragland are the best of the rookie infielders. Nelson is a speedster who has led three minor leagues in stolen bases.

ATHLETICS

John McNamara, a new manager who will be making his debut in the major leagues, takes over a squad that appears solid in most sectors. Bob Brooks, a power-hitting rookie has the best chance to make the big club. He will get a real good chance at the left-field job.

Joe Rudi, whose availability made the Danny Cater trade possible, is coming off a good season in Triple-A ball and should stick this year. In the pitching department, Vida Blue and Marcel Lachemann are the best-looking of the young pitchers.

TWINS

George Mitterwald will take over the number-one catching job for Minnesota with support from rookies Rick Dempsey, Paul Ratliff and Tom Tischinski. All have strong recommendations in the hitting department. Dempsey, who probably will be sent out for more seasoning, hit a robust .364 at Wisconsin Rapids in the Midwest League.

Jim Holt and Herman Hill are a couple of youngsters who have batting punch and will battle Bob Allison and Chuck Manuel for the left-field job. The Twins came up with a couple of good rookie pitchers in Dick Woodson and Tom Hall last season, but for 1970 there don't appear to be any top-notch candidates.

WHITE SOX

The White Sox have fallen on evil times, and the end does not seem immediately in sight after sinking to fifth place last season. Ron Lolich, who hit 26 homers for Lynchburg, has the power the Sox lack, but is probably a year away from the big leagues.

Chicago's strong point used to be their pitching, but that has changed and there is room on the staff for some youngsters to find spots. Bill Farmer and Bart Johnson are the best bets, with Dick Maloney and Steve Spanich rated an outside chance of spending 1970 in the Windy City. Art Kusnyer, 23, is a good-looking catcher and John Matias is coming off a .314 season at Tucson and should help the infield.

ANGELS

California's hopes for the future rest on a good young pitching staff. Two more starters are needed and they will probably come from rookies Tom Bradley, Greg Garrett and Lloyd Allen. Steve Kealy and Terry Cox are a couple of young throwers with a chance to nail down a spot in the bullpen.

Infielders with a chance to stick with the Angels are Tom Silverie (.313 at Hawaii) and Doug Griffin, who batted .308 at El Paso. The infield could use a good utility man and these two might fit the bill.

Amos Otis, the former untouchable of the Mets, is the big Kansas City hope this year.

PILOTS

It finally having been settled that the Pilots will remain in Seattle in 1970, they can now concentrate on winning ball games. Dave Bristol the new manager has reason for optimism, especially in the outfield, where rookies Danny Walton and Roy Foster have strong power recommendations. Walton came over in the Tommy Davis trade with Houston and comes off a .332, 25-homer season at Oklahoma City. Foster was with the Mets' Tidewater club in the International League, where he hit .281 with 24 homers and 92 RBIs.

Dick Baney, Larry Pickett and Skip Lockwood are the best possibilities to break into the pitching staff. Chico Vaughn, a third baseman, and Bob Coluccio, a second baseman will battle for regular jobs in the infield.

ROYALS

The Royals did the best of the four expansion teams in 1969 with a 69-93 record. Charlie Metro, the new manager, believes the young Royals have a chance to improve at least 25 percent. Amos Otis and Scott Northey are outfield prospects. Otis was obtained from the Mets, where he enjoyed a good season in the International League with a .325 average and 19 stolen bases.

John Martinez is the best young catching candidate for the number-two job behind Ellie Rodriguez. Rookies Bob Johnson, Art Demery, Paul Cram and Paul Splittdorf are the top pitching hopefuls. Johnson was rated very high by the Mets, who included him in the Otis deal for Joe Foy. He has an excellent season at Memphis and should be ready for the big leagues.

ARE THE KNICKS

Boston's Don Chaney is surrounded by three Atlanta Hawks as outmanned Celts lost to southern club. Present-day Celtics lack big center and depth that was hallmark of champions.

AS GOOD AS THE CELTICS

NEW YORK MEDIA CLAIM NEW YORK NBA TEAM IS BEST EVER!! CELTICS ADHERENTS SAY ONLY THE TEST OF TIME WILL TELL

■ The Boston Celtics won the championship of the National Basketball Association so many times that the phrase "World Champion" virtually became a part of the team name. The Celts captured 11 N.B.A. crowns in 13 seasons and went to the finals of the playoffs in 1958 before losing in the seventh game to the then St. Louis Hawks.

The entire era of Celtic success was wrapped around the long, lithe frame of Bill Russell, the brilliant defensive center. Russell joined the Celtics after the Olympic Games of 1956, where he was instrumental in helping the undefeated U.S. club capture a gold medal.

In perhaps the greatest stroke of his great career, Red Auerbach engineered the acquisition of Russell from St. Louis in a two-for-one deal which sent veteran star "Easy" Ed Macauley and rookie Cliff Hagan to the Hawks. Macauley, whose background as a former star for St. Louis University made the deal attractive to the Hawks, had two more good seasons and twice helped St. Louis into the finals of the N.B.A. playoffs, including 1958 when they won it all. Hagan, at 6-foot-4 one of the stellar cornermen of his era and perhaps the greatest hook-shot artist in N.B.A. history, was a star for a decade in the Mound City.

But the only world championship team Hagan ever played on in St. Louis was the one in 1958, and despite his star status he was never a box-office draw of the magnitude of Bill Russell.

It was Russell, then, who was the steal in the deal. He changed the nature of the game much as George Mikan had in his way. He restored the prowess of the defense when it was much under pressure from the newly-created 24-second clock. He restored the balance of the game. And, even more importantly for Boston, he made the Celtics the greatest team in the game for more than a decade.

When Russell joined the Celtics, the team was peopled by a collection of athletes who were entertaining, slick ball-handlers and offensively potent. But, they weren't winners. Bob Cousy was a magician with the pass and a good shooter from 25 feet, Bill Sharman behind a screen was the best shot in the sport, Frank Ramsey was young and talented, Togo Palazzi was quick and tough, Jim Loscutoff was a good rebounder and a skillful "policeman." The team was exciting but not devastating.

It was Russell who really made them go.

WERE?

by Pat Horan

Dave Debusschere, big-league pitcher, player-coach of Detroit and key man in molding New York powerhouse pulls down rebound against Philadelphia 76ers.

Tommy Heinsohn joined the team the next season and added the potency of his line-drive jump shot, and Sam Jones with his banked-in jumper came on board in 1957 as well. K. C. Jones, a former Russell teammate at the University of San Francisco, was added in 1958.

The elements of the dynasty were at hand. The master sorcerer, Red Auerbach, was there to blend the ingredients into the strongest team in the history of the game. The elements are gone now. Only John Havlicek, a great addition at the end of the incredible era, remains. In his first seven seasons with Boston, Havlicek played on six World Championship teams! It is extremely doubtful, however, that he will ever play on another. At least as long as he is in Boston.

With the end of the Celtic reign came the question of heir-apparent. The closest examination appears to yield only one real answer—the New York Knickerbockers. A young and gifted club with the proper dashes of experience, youth, savvy and verve, the Knicks have the best chance to succeed to the throne vacated by the Celtics.

As was the case with Boston, the New York effort is keyed around a strong core at center. In the Knicks' case, the core is center Willis Reed, the team captain. Reed, a former star at Grambling in Louisiana, was a second-round "sleeper" draft choice by the Knicks in 1964. He made the All-Star team in his first season in the N.B.A. Reed was marked for greatness in his rookie season when he led the Knicks in 10 statistical departments. His progress was slowed when Walt Bellamy was acquired from Baltimore in 1965 and Reed was switched from his natural position at center to forward, making room for the less-adaptable Bellamy in the pivot.

There was undeniable friction between Reed and Bellamy throughout their days as teammates. Reed resented having to be moved out of the center spot which he felt he had won in his great rookie campaign. Bellamy, always a moody and complaining sort, resented the publicity given Reed at his expense and felt that Wil-

lis "got in his way" offensively.

Reed survived handsomely, despite the steadily deteriorating relationship with Bellamy, and earned All-Star berths as a forward after finally making an adjustment to the position. He thus became the only player ever selected to the N.B.A. All-Star team as both a forward and a center in different seasons. Bellamy was eventually traded to Detroit on December 19, 1968, and Reed returned to the center post. He immediately ignited and drove the Knicks to a third-place finish, capped by an incredible four-game rout of the Eastern Division champ Baltimore Bullets.

Then came the confrontation between the fast-developing Knicks and the slowly-crumbling Celtics still anchored by the great Russell. Boston won the Eastern final series, 4 games to 2, with Russell out-rebounding Reed 125 to 81. However, the Knicks had won six of the seven games played between the two teams during the regular season, giving New York an 8-5 edge in total games for the year. Granted that Russell was at his brilliant, final best with the playoff money on the table, the young Knicks had proven a point.

Much as the acquisition by trade of Russell turned Boston into the terror team of its era, the dealing of Bellamy and guard Butch Komives to Detroit may have made the Knicks the Celtics' successors as the best pro team in basketball. Reed moved to center one again and his vacated spot at forward was filled by the man obtained for Bellamy and Komives—Dave DeBusschere.

DeBusschere, a former Piston player-coach and a three-time performer in the All-Star game, was the perfect amalgam. A natural forward, he teams with Reed to give the Knicks rebounding coverage at both ends of the floor. His coaching experience gives DeBusschere a feeling for the flow of the game and enables him to spot weaknesses in the opposition and exploit them, either directly through his own actions, or indirectly by hitting the open man with a pass or screening for a shot by another Knick.

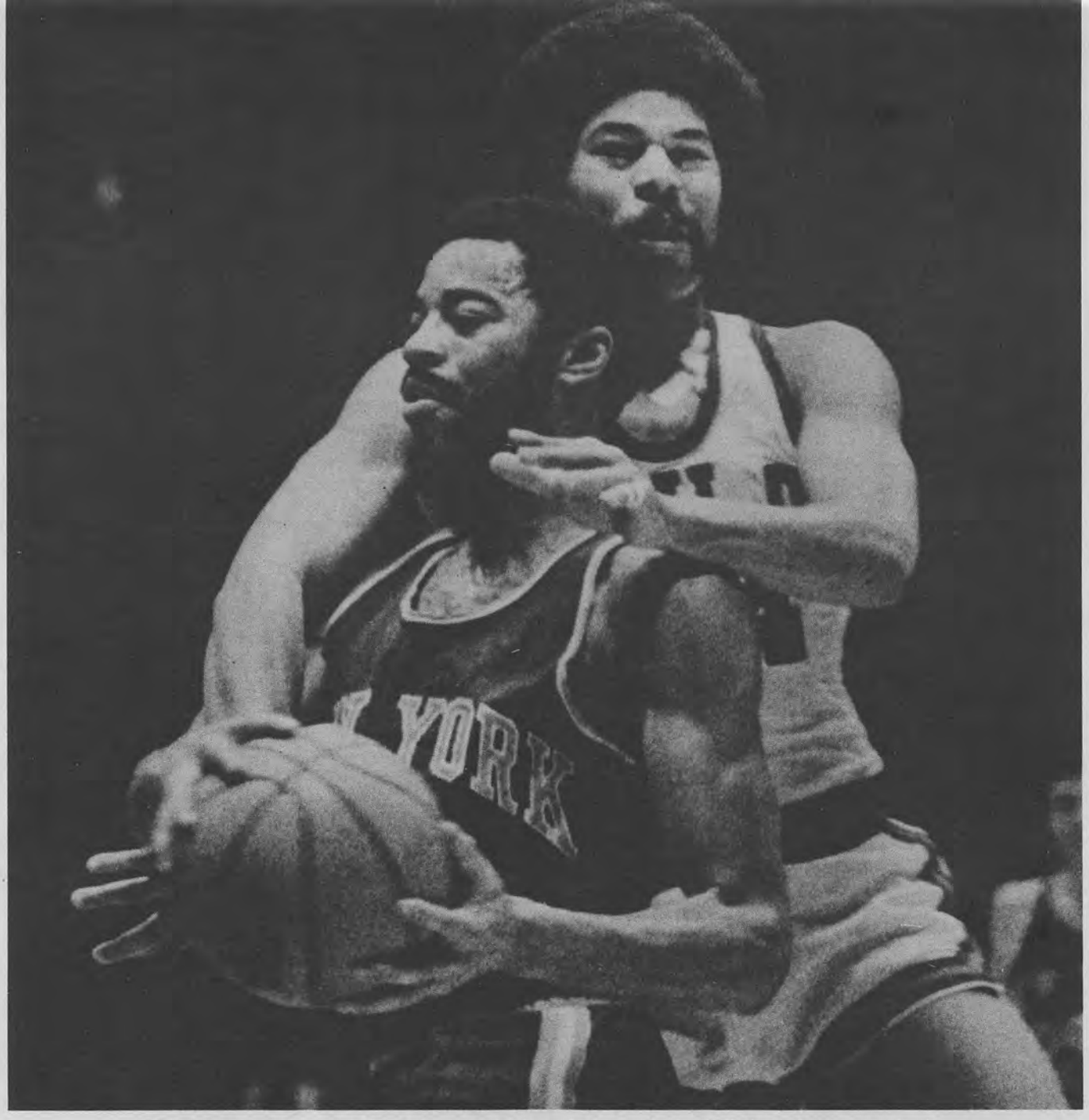
Big Bill Russell watches Celtics play in Boston. With him are wife Rose and children William (12), Kenyatta (5) and Jackie (10). Boston general manager Red Auerbach is on left. Russ was key to Celtics' long reign.

REED-BELLAMY FEUD LED TO DEBUSSCHERE TRADE AND MADE KNICKS

Willis Reed, Knick center and captain, receives MVP Trophy from NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy at mid-season all-star game. Reed prospered after move to center when Walt Bellamy was traded.

Two of the biggest bonus players in N.B.A. history—Bill Bradley and Cazzie Russell—give the Knicks important firepower at forward. Originally a guard, Bradley successfully became a forward when Russell was injured during the 1968-69 season, and matured beautifully. A tough defense player and a good rebounder for his size, Bradley finally achieved the promise held out for him from the day he first bounced a ball at Princeton's old Dillon Gym. Russell, his rival in one of the old Garden's classic collegiate battles (the 1965 Holiday Festival), is frequently Bradley's relief. A red-hot streak shooter, Russell can be explosive a la Frank Ramsey off the bench.

In the back court, the Knicks have one of the game's great players in Walt Frazier. Gifted with quick hands which make him defensively deadly, Frazier is also a good passer and ball-handler and an excellent outside shooter. His normal partner is Dick Barnett, the oldest of the Knicks.



Walt Frazier, nicknamed Clyde because he frequently steals the ball, is Knick quarterback.

Veteran of ten N.B.A. seasons (plus one with the defunct Cleveland Pipers of the A.B.L. in 1961-62), Barnett still has the shooting skills to spark a rally. His best move is a jump shot, but he can drive and penetrate well.

On comparison, a difficult task at best, Russell must rate over Reed at this point. DeBusschere matched with Heinsohn is even. Bradley and Cazzie give New York a distinct edge at the other forward spot. Frazier is a better all-around player than Cousy in his heyday. Barnett is, however, not in a class with either Sharman or Sam Jones. Thus, we have two plus for Boston (Russell and the second guard), two plus for New York (Bradley-Cazzie Russell at forward and Frazier), and one even.

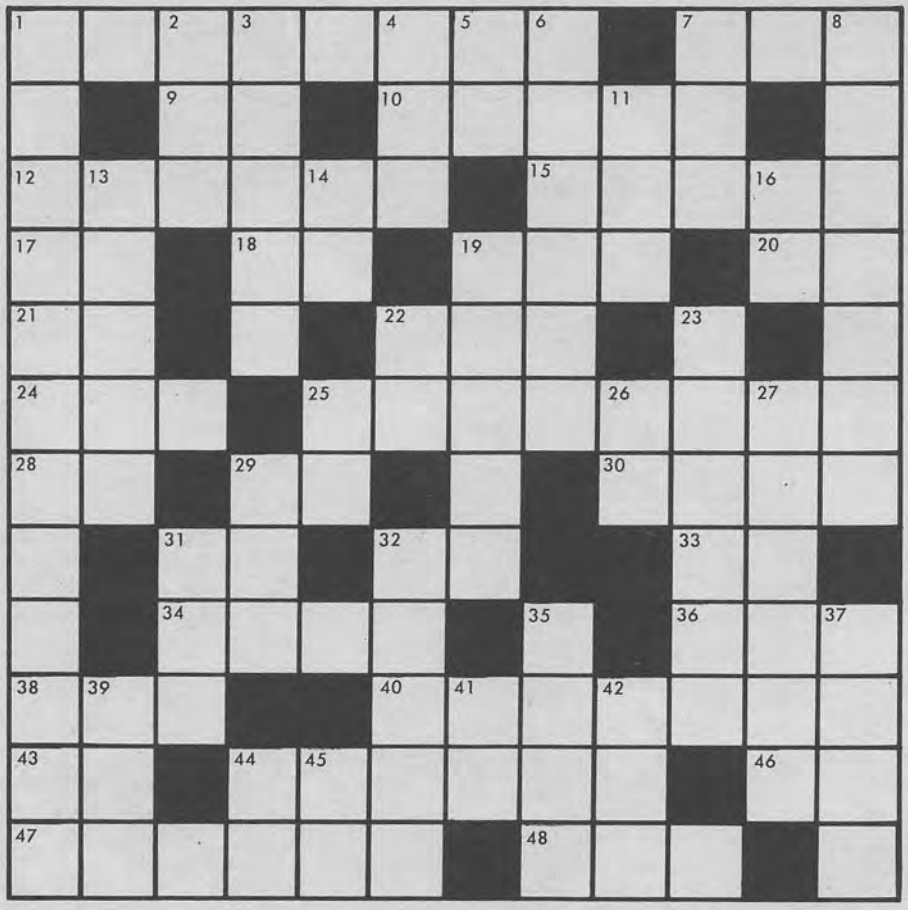
Although this analysis of personnel would tend to indicate a standoff, the choice must be Boston. The Celtics' sustained run of 11 out of 13 will never be equalled and it must be borne in mind that they turned the trick, for the most part, in a different N.B.A. The league was eight teams, a distillation of best of the best among America's basketball talent. Today's 14-team N.B.A. fails to compare for depth on a team-by-team basis.

The expansion of the league has dilluted the talent greatly and this factor alone makes the case for the Knicks significantly weaker. It is, of course, not a factor of their making, but it is a factor. Another major advantage for the Celtics: Frank Ramsey. Ramsey off the bench was the classic "fireman to the rescue." Nothing in the Knicks' arsenal compares with his ability to run, shoot, rebound, play defense and spark a ballclub. Cazzie Russell can shoot, but can't be rated tops on defense. Dave Stallworth rebounds and can play defense, but isn't in Ramsey's league defensively.

So, the verdict stands: the Boston Celtics of, say, 1959-60-61, as the greatest team in the history of the league.

But history nothwithstanding, it may well be the dawning of the Age of the Knicks. •

SPORTS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. First winner of Conn Smythe trophy
7. Lew Carnesecca will become one in 1970-71 season
9. Initials of hockey veteran
10. Walks a lot for the National League
12. Led AFL in passing 4 times
15. Figure skater
17. Ex-featherweight and lightweight king
18. This football franchise started in Dallas
19. Winner of the 1968 U.S. Open Golf Classic
20. Shared 1969 American League Cy Young Award
21. Former member of N.Y. Giants "Front Four"
22. University of Tenn. nickname (sing.)
24. Handsome right winger
25. New member of Baseball Hall of Fame
28. NHL Captain
29. Coach of 1968-69 Stanley Cup Champions
30. Coached 3 AFL Championships
31. Ed Conlin's school
32. Jockey of 1959 Kentucky Derby Winner
33. Much-traded outfielder
34. Won 1964 British Open
36. Good pitchers have low ones
38. No more seats (abbrev.)
40. Olympic Champion polevaulter
43. Scoreless tie
44. 1963 passing leader
46. Initials of a member of Hockey's Kraut Line
47. Ex-White Sox 2nd baseman
48. Pitched a no-hitter in 1941

DOWN

1. New York Mets "mini-Hawk"
2. Controversial NBA rookie
3. Harness driver with over 300 winners in a single year
4. Navy term (abbrev.)
5. Triple-A baseball league
6. Won NBA Most Valuable Player Award as a rookie
7. A college athlete is a——professional
8. German-born hockey player
11. Lou Groza had a famous one
13. Led or tied National League in home runs 4 times
14. Won 1967 RBI title
16. Winner of 2 all-star games
19. Heavyweight king from 1937 thru 1949
22. Seagram's——
23. Oriole manager
25. 1939 Wimbledon and U.S. Tennis Champ
26. Claimed 1965 Lady Byng Trophy
27. Holds NHL record for most consecutive games played
29. Willie Mosconi needs one
31. Girl's name
32. Pitchers often throw this pitch on an 0 and 2 count
35. Has won or shared 3 Vezinas
37. Father of STP
39. Led pitchers in won-lost percentage in 1951
41. Kansas City corner back
42. First name of LA Rams' head coach (abbrev.)
44. Running back with Giants 1936 thru 1943
45. Denotes number worn by ex-basketball great Paul Arizin

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The Official National League Baseball

Team-by-Team Schedule

for the 1970 Season

Eastern Division

CHICAGO

HOME GAMES

April
15, 16 ..... Phils
18, 19 ..... Expos
22 ..... Cards
25, 26 ..... Astros

May
9, 10 ..... Reds
12 ..... Braves
14 ..... Mets
27, 28 ..... Pirates
30(2), 31 ..... Padres

June
2, 3 ..... Dodgers
7 ..... Giants
20, 21(2) ..... Cards
23, 24, 25 ..... Mets

July
(2), 5 ..... Pirates
8(2) ..... Expos
17, 12 ..... Phils
23 ..... Reds
25, 26(2) ..... Braves
29, 30 ..... Astros

August
12, 13 ..... Giants
15, 16 ..... Dodgers
18, 19 ..... Padres

September
2, 3 ..... Phils
5, 6 ..... Mets
10 ..... Expos
13 ..... Pirates
16, 17 ..... Cards

ROAD GAMES

April
..... Phils
11, 12 ..... Expos
28*, 29* ..... Pirates
..... Braves

May
3 ..... Braves
..... Astros
16, 17 ..... Cards
19* ..... Reds
23, 24(2) ..... Mets

June
10*, 11* ..... Padres
13*, 14 ..... Dodgers
17, 18 ..... Giants
27, 28(2) ..... Pirates
30* ..... Cards

July
..... Cards
17*, 18*, 19 ..... Astros
21 ..... Braves
(TN) ..... Reds

August
2 ..... Reds
4 ..... Mets
6* ..... Expos
8, 9(2) ..... Phils
22, 23 ..... Giants
25*, 26* ..... Dodgers
28*, 30 ..... Padres

September
(2) ..... Pirates
(TN), 19, 20 ..... Expos
23*, 24* ..... Cards
26, 27 ..... Phils
30 ..... Mets

October
1* ..... Mets

MONTREAL

HOME GAMES

April
8, 9 ..... Cards
10, 11, 12 ..... Cubs
21, 22* ..... Dodgers

May
5*, 6*, 7* ..... Giants
8(TN), 9*, 10 ..... Padres
18, 19*, 20* ..... Mets
21*, 22*, 23*, 24 ..... Pirates
26*, 27*, 28* ..... Phils

June
9*, 10*, 11* ..... Reds
12*, 13*, 14 ..... Astros
16*, 17*, 18* ..... Braves
26*, 27*, 28 ..... Mets
29*, 30* ..... Phils

July
1* ..... Pirates
2*, 3*, 4*, 5 ..... Cards
24*, 25*, 26 ..... Giants
28*, 29* ..... Padres
30*, 31* ..... Dodgers

August
1*, 2 ..... Dodgers
3*, 4* ..... Pirates
5*, 6* ..... Cubs
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Braves
25*, 26*, 27* ..... Astros
28*, 29, 30 ..... Reds

September
1*, 2*, 3* ..... Pirates
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Phils
14*, 15*, 16* ..... Mets
18(TN), 19, 20 ..... Cubs
25*, 26, 27 ..... Cards

ROAD GAMES

April
6 ..... Reds
14*, 15* ..... Cards
17, 18, 19 ..... Cubs
24*, 25, 26(2) ..... Giants
27*, 28*, 29* ..... Padres
30* ..... Dodgers

May
1*, 2*, 3 ..... Dodgers
11*, 12 ..... Mets
13*, 14* ..... Phils
15*, 16, 17 ..... Pirates
29*, 30*, 31 ..... Reds

June
2*, 3*, 4* ..... Astros
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Braves
19*, 20, 21 ..... Pirates
22*, 23*, 24*, 25* ..... Phils

July
6, 7, 8(2) ..... Cubs
9*, 10*, 11*, 12 ..... Mets
17*, 18 ..... Giants
19(2), 20* ..... Padres
21*, 22* ..... Dodgers

August
7*, 8, 9(2) ..... Cards
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Braves
14*, 15, 16 ..... Astros
18*, 19* ..... Reds

September
4*, 5*, 6 ..... Cards
7(2), 8 ..... Mets
9, 10 ..... Cubs
22*, 23*, 24* ..... Pirates
29*, 30* ..... Phils

October
1* ..... Phils

NEW YORK

HOME GAMES

April
14, 16 ..... Pirates
17, 18, 19(2) ..... Phils
21, 22 ..... Padres

May
5*, 6*, 7* ..... Dodgers
8*, 9, 10 ..... Giants
11*, 12 ..... Expos
22*, 23, 24 (2) ..... Cubs
26*, 27*, 28 ..... Cards
29*, 30, 31 (2) ..... Astros

June
1*2, 13, 14 ..... Braves
16*, 17* ..... Reds
19* 20*, 21 ..... Phils
29*, 30* ..... Pirates

July
1 ..... Pirates
6*, 7*, 8 ..... Cards
9*, 10*, 11*, 12 ..... Expos
24*, 25, 26 ..... Dodgers
27*, 28*, 29 ..... Giants
31* ..... Padres

August
1, 2 (2) ..... Padres
3*, 4 ..... Cubs
18*, 19 ..... Astros
21*, 22, 23 (2) ..... Reds
25*, 26*, 27 ..... Braves

September
7 (2), 8 ..... Expos
9*, 10 ..... Phils
11*, 12, 13 ..... Cards
18*, 19, 20 (2) ..... Pirates
29*, 30 ..... Cubs

October
1* ..... Cubs

ROAD GAMES

April
7, 9* ..... Pirates
10*, 11, 12 ..... Cards
24*, 25*, 26 ..... Dodgers
28*, 29, 30 ..... Giants

May
1*, 2, 3 (2) ..... Padres
13, 14 ..... Cubs
15*, 16*, 17 ..... Phils
18, 19*, 20* ..... Expos

June
2*, 3*, 4* ..... Braves
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Reds
8*, 9*, 10* ..... Astros
22, 23, 24, 25 ..... Cubs
26*, 27*, 28 ..... Expos

July
2*, 3*, 4*, 5 ..... Phils
16*, 17*, 18 ..... Dodgers
19 (2), 20* ..... Giants
21*, 22* ..... Padres

August
5*, 6* ..... Cards
7*, 8, 9, 10* ..... Pirates
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Reds
14*, 15*, 16 ..... Braves
28*, 29, 30 ..... Astros
31* ..... Cards

September
1*, 2*, 3 ..... Cards
4, 5, 6 ..... Cubs
14*, 15*, 16* ..... Expos
22*, 23* ..... Phils
25*, 26, 27 ..... Pirates

PHILADELPHIA

HOME GAMES

April
7, 9 ..... Cubs
10, 11, 12 ..... Pirates
21, 22 ..... Giants

May
a5*, 6*, 7* ..... Padres
8*, 9, 10 ..... Dodgers
13*, 14* ..... Expos
15*, 16*, 17 ..... Mets
21*, 22*, 23*, 24 ..... Cards

June
9*, 10*, 11* ..... Braves
12*, 13*, 14 ..... Reds
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Astros
22*, 23*, 24*, 25* ..... Expos

July
2*, 3*, 4*, 5 ..... Mets
6*, 7*, 8* ..... Pirates
24*, 25*, 26 ..... Padres
27*, 28*, 29* ..... Dodgers
31 (TN) ..... Giants

August
1*, 2 ..... Giants
3*, 4* ..... Cards
7*, 8, 9 (2) ..... Cubs
21*, 22, 23 ..... Astros
25*, 26*, 27* ..... Reds
28*, 29*, 30 ..... Braves

September
7 (TN), 8* ..... Cards
15*, 16* 17* ..... Pirates
22*, 23* ..... Mets
25*, 26*, 27 ..... Mets
29*, 30* ..... Expos

October
1* ..... Expos

ROAD GAMES

April
14, 15, 16 ..... Cubs
17, 18, 19 (2) ..... Mets
24*, 25* 26 ..... Padres
27*, 28*, 29* ..... Dodgers

May
1*, 2, 3 (2) ..... Giants
11*, 12* ..... Cards
18*, 19*, 20* ..... Pirates
26*, 27*, 28* ..... Expos
29*, 30*, 31 ..... Braves

June
2*, 3*, ... Reds
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Astros
19*, 20*, 21 ..... Mets
26*, 27, 28 (2) ..... Cards
29*, 30* ..... Expos

July
1* ..... Expos
10, 11, 12 ..... Cubs
16*, 17*, 18 ..... Padres
19 (2), 20 ..... Dodgers
21, 22 ..... Giants

August
5*, 6 (TN) ..... Pirates
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Astros
14*, 15* 16, 17* ..... Reds
18*, 19*, 20* ..... Braves

September
1, 2, 3 ..... Cubs
4*, 5*, 6 ..... Pirates
9*, 10 ..... Mets
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Expos
18*, 19, 20 ..... Cards

a First game at new stadium.

PITTSBURGH

HOME GAMES

April
7, 9* ..... Mets
17*, 18, 19 ..... Cards
20*, 21*, 22* ..... Astros
23*, 24*, 25, 26 ..... Braves
27*, 28*, 29* ..... Cubs

May
11*, 12* ..... Reds
15*, 16, 17 ..... Expos
18*, 19*, 20* ..... Phils
a29*, 30, 31 ..... Giants

June
1*, 2*, 3* ..... Padres
4*, 5*, 6*, 7 ..... Dodgers
19*, 20, 21 ..... Expos
22*, 23*, 24*, 25* ..... Cards
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Cubs

July
16*, 17*, 18*, 19 ..... Reds
22*, 23 ..... Braves
24*, 25, 26 ..... Astros

August
5*, 6(TN) ..... Phils
7*, 8, 9, 10* ..... Mets
11*, 12* ..... Dodgers
14*, 15, 16 ..... Padres
17*, 18*, 19* ..... Giants

September
4*, 5*, 6 ..... Phils
7(2) ..... Cubs
9*, 10* ..... Cards
22*, 23*, 24* ..... Expos
25*, 26, 27 ..... Mets

ROAD GAMES

April
10, 11, 12 ..... Phils
14, 16 ..... Mets

May
1*, 2, 3 ..... Reds
4*, 5*, 6* ..... Braves
7*, 8*, 9, 10 ..... Astros
13*, 14 ..... Cards
21*, 22*, 23*, 24 ..... Expos
26, 27, 28 ..... Cubs

June
9*, 10 ..... Giants
12*, 13*, 14 ..... Padres
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Dodgers
29*, 30* ..... Mets

July
1 ..... Mets
3, 4(2), 5 ..... Cubs
6*, 7*, 8* ..... Phils
9*, 10*, 11*, 12 ..... Cards
20*, 21* ..... Astros
28*, 29*, 30* ..... Reds
31* ..... Braves

August
1, 2 ..... Braves
3*, 4* ..... Expos
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Dodgers
24*, 25*, 26* ..... Padres
28*, 29, 30(2) ..... Giants

September
1*, 2*, 3* ..... Expos
12, 13 ..... Cubs
15*, 16*, 17 ..... Pirates
18*, 19, 20(2) ..... Mets
29*, 30* ..... Cards

October
1* ..... Cards

ST. LOUIS

HOME GAMES

April
10*, 11, 12 ..... Mets
14*, 15* ..... Expos
23*, 24*, 25*, 26 ..... Reds
28*, 29* ..... Braves
30* ..... Astros

May
1*, 2*, 3 ..... Astros
11*, 12* ..... Phils
13*, 14 ..... Pirates
15*, 16, 17 ..... Cubs
29*, 30*, 31 ..... Dodgers

June
1*, 2*, 3* ..... Giants
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Padres
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Phils
29*, 30* ..... Reds

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1* ..... Cubs
9*, 10*, 11*, 12 ..... Pirates
16*, 17*, 18*, 19 ..... Braves
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22*, 23* ..... Astros

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5*, 6* ..... Mets
7*, 8, 9(2) ..... Expos
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Padres
14*, 15*, 16 ..... Giants
17*, 18*, 19* ..... Dodgers
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September
1*, 2*, 3 ..... Mets
4*, 5*, 6 ..... Expos
18*, 19, 20 ..... Phils
22*, 23*, 24* ..... Cubs
29*, 30* ..... Pirates

October
1* ..... Pirates

ROAD GAMES

April
8, 9 ..... Expos
17*, 18, 19 ..... Pirates
21, 22 ..... Cubs

May
4*, 5* ..... Reds
8*, 9*, 10 ..... Braves
18*, 19*, 20* ..... Astros
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26*, 27*, 28 ..... Mets

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9*, 10*, 11* ..... Dodgers
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2*, 3*, 4*, 5 ..... Expos
6*, 7*, 8 ..... Mets
24*, 25*, 26, 27* ..... Reds
28*, 29*, 30* ..... Braves
31* ..... Astros

August
1*, 2 ..... Astros
3*, 4* ..... Phils
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Padres
25*, 26, 27 ..... Giants
28*, 29*, 30 ..... Dodgers

September
7(TN), 8* ..... Phils
9*, 10* ..... Pirates
11*, 12, 13 ..... Mets
15, 16, 17 ..... Cubs
25*, 26, 27 ..... Expos

*Denotes night game. (2) double-header. (TN) twilight-night double-header.

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Western Division

ATLANTA

HOME GAMES

April

13*, 14* ..... Giants
15*, 16* ..... Padres
17*, 18*, 19 ..... Dodgers
20*, 21* ..... Reds
30* ..... Cubs

May

1*, 2*, 3 ..... Cubs
4*, 5*, 6* ..... Pirates
8*, 9*, 10 ..... Cards
26*, 27* ..... Astros
29*, 30*, 31 ..... Phils

June

2*, 3*, 4* ..... Mets
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Expos
19(TN), 20*, 21 ..... Astros
22*, 23*, 24* ..... Dodgers

July

3(TN), 4*, 5 ..... Padres
6*, 7*, 8*, 9* ..... Giants
10(TN), 11*, 12 ..... Reds
20*, 21 ..... Cubs
28*, 29*, 30* ..... Cards
31* ..... Pirates

August

1, 2 ..... Pirates
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Expos
14*, 15*, 16 ..... Mets
18*, 19*, 20* ..... Phils

September

1*, 2*, 3* ..... Dodgers
4*, 5, 6 ..... Giants
18*, 19, 20 ..... Reds
22*, 23*, 24* ..... Padres
25*, 26, 27 ..... Astros

ROAD GAMES

April

7*, 8*, 9* ..... Padres
10*, 11*, 12 ..... Astros
23*, 24*, 25, 26 ..... Pirates
28*, 29* ..... Cards

May

11, 12 ..... Cubs
15*, 16, 17(2) ..... Reds
19*, 20 ..... Giants
21*, 22*, 23*, 24 ..... Dodgers

June

9*, 10*, 11* ..... Phils
12*, 13, 14 ..... Mets
16*, 17*, 18* ..... Expos
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Giants
30* ..... Reds

July

1*, 2* ..... Reds
16*, 17*, 18*, 19 ..... Cards
22*, 23 ..... Pirates
24, 25, 26(2) ..... Cubs

August

3(TN), 4* ..... Astros
5*, 6* ..... Dodgers
7(TN), 9 ..... Padres
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Expos
25*, 26* 27 ..... Mets
28*, 29*, 30 ..... Phils

September

7(TN), 8* ..... Dodgers
9(TN), 10* ..... Padres
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Astros
14*, 15*, 16 ..... Giants
29* ..... Reds

October

1* ..... Reds

CINCINNATI

HOME GAMES

April

6 ..... Expos
13*, 14* ..... Padres
15*, 16* ..... Dodgers
17*, 18, 19 ..... Giants
28*, 29 ..... Astros

May

1*, 2, 3 ..... Pirates
4*, 5* ..... Cards
15*, 16, 17(2) ..... Braves
18*, 19* ..... Cubs
a29*, 30*, 31 ..... Expos

June

2*, 3* ..... Phils
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July

1*, 2* ..... Braves
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29* ..... Braves

October

1* ..... Braves

ROAD GAMES

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11*, 12*, 13 ..... Padres
15*, 16* ..... Astros
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HOUSTON

HOME GAMES

April

10*, 11*, 12 ..... Braves
13*, 14* ..... Dodgers
15*, 16* ..... Giants
15*, 18*, 19 ..... Padres

May

4*, 5* ..... Cubs
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LOS ANGELES

HOME GAMES

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September

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August

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September

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11*, 12, 13 ..... Giants
25*, 26, 27 ..... Reds
29*, 30* ..... Padres

October

1* ..... Padres

SAN DIEGO

HOME GAMES

April

7*, 8*, 9* ..... Braves
24*, 25*, 26 ..... Phils
27*, 28*, 29* ..... Expos

May

1*, 2, 3(2) ..... Mets
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Giants
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18*, 19*, 20* ..... Dodgers
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11*, 12*, 13 ..... Reds
17*, 18*, 19 ..... Giants
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October

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ROAD GAMES

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July

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September

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4*, 5*, 6 ..... Reds
14*, 15*, 16* ..... Dodgers
22*, 23*, 24* ..... Braves
25*, 26, 27 ..... Giants

SAN FRANCISCO

HOME GAMES

April

7, 8*, 9 ..... Astros
10*, 11, 12(2) ..... Reds
24*, 25, 26(2) ..... Expos
28*, 29, 30 ..... Mets

May

1*, 2, 3(2) ..... Phils
19*, 20 ..... Braves
22*, 23, 24(2) ..... Padres
26*, 27*, 28 ..... Dodgers

June

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12*, 13, 14 ..... Cards
16*, 17, 18 ..... Chicago
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Braves
30* ..... Padres

July

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3, 4, 5 ..... Dodgers
17*, 18 ..... Expos
19(2) 20* ..... Mets
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7*, 8, 9(2) ..... Astros
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October

1* ..... Astros

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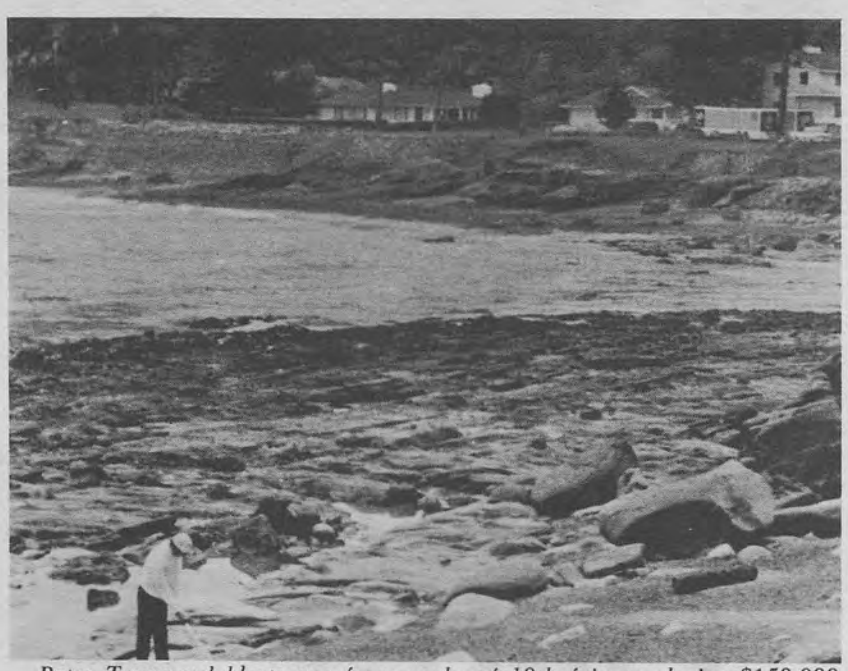
SPORTS PHOTO SECTION

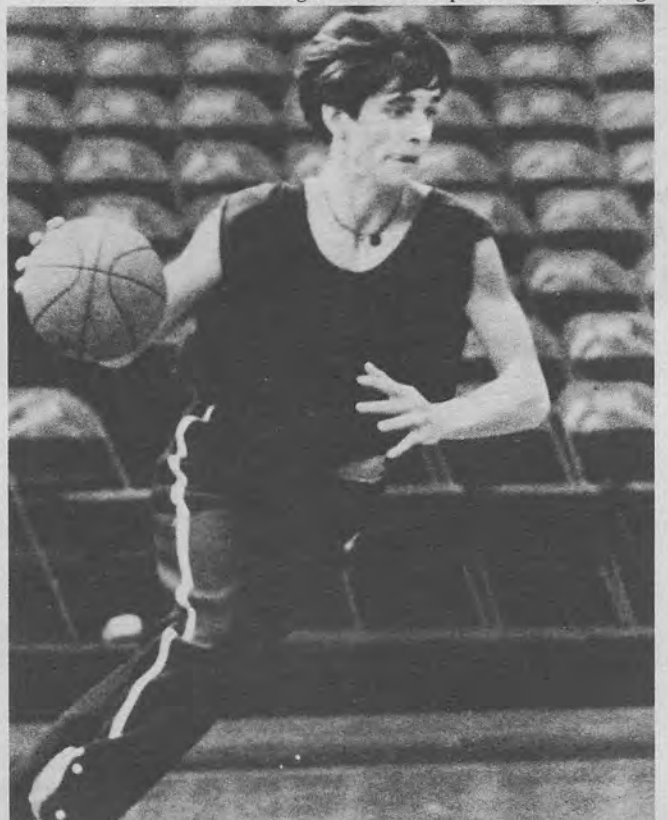
Lew Alcindor, Milwaukee Bucks million dollar center, grabs rebound away from Mel Counts of Los Angeles Lakers. Alcindor made the difference in the Bucks this season.



Peter Townsend blasts one from rocks of 18th fairway during $150,000 Bing Crosby Golf Tourney. Peter wound up with a double bogey on the par 5 hole.

Alton White of the Providence Reds, one of two Negroes in pro hockey. White, 24, had a creditable season with the American Hockey League team. The AHL is hockey's highest minor league.

Pistol Pete Marovich of L.S.U., who set scoring records galore this past season, works out even in the off season. He will come high when the pros start bidding.



Bert Campaneris demonstrates just how small a batter can get with exaggerated crouch. Campy gets on base frequently via walks and then uses his speed as the AL base stealing champion.

Gwen Bachman, a six-foot ten-inch Englewood, N.J. high school senior plays for the varsity basketball team and wants to play pro basketball. With equal rights, who knows?

SPORTS PHOTO SECTION

Salute to new members of Baseball's Hall of Fame. Former Baseball Commissioner Ford C. Frick, Yankee outfielder Earl Combs and pitcher Jesse Haines will be inducted this summer in ceremonies at Cooperstown, New York.

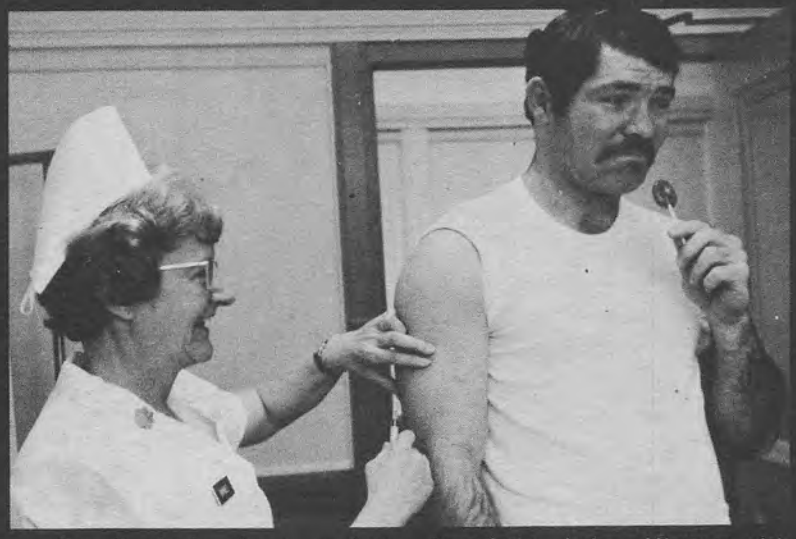
Joe Namath in Dude Cowboy regalia putts for TV show. Namath, a fine golfer, cannot play eighteen holes because his knees hurt so badly.

Remember that Magic Day in October when the long-persecuted Mets won it all? Photo shows blasé New Yorkers blowing their cool over a mere ball team.

New General Manager is Bob Scheffing, former Tiger manager. Bob takes over from Johnny Murphy, who died of a heart attack.

CAN THE METS DO IT AGAIN?

Key man for Mets was centerfielder Tommy Agee, shown running out home run. Can Tommy do it again?



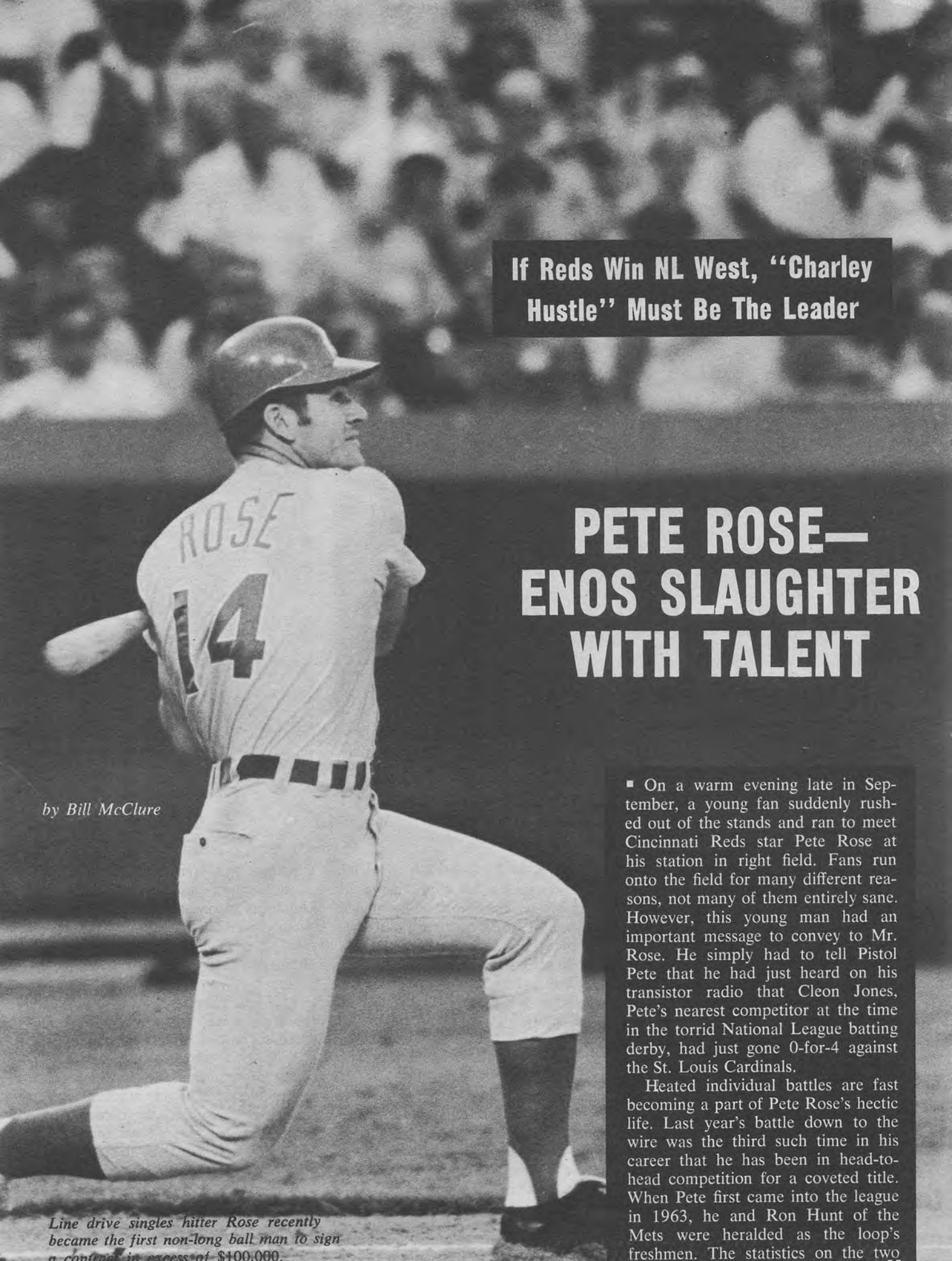
Ron Swoboda, shown receiving inoculation before Vietnam visit, was bitter holdout, finally signed for $40,000. Ron hit in clutch in stretch but has never realized his potential.

Singer Pearl Bailey howls with joy after greeting Jerry Koosman following the Mets southpaw's World Series win.

On the more sedate side Manager Gil Hodges and owner Joan Payson are all smiles over Mets' success.

Mets fans sing "We're Number One" after NL East Division clincher.

World Series at Baltimore drew Mets catcher Jerry Grote to edge of box containing, from left, Julie Nixon Eisenhower, David Eisenhower, Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, Mrs. Richard Nixon (ducking) and her daughter Tricia. In second row (right) are Tony Kubek of NBC with earphones and Ted Williams and his wife.



If Reds Win NL West, "Charley Hustle" Must Be The Leader

PETE ROSE— ENOS SLAUGHTER WITH TALENT

by Bill McClure

Line drive singles hitter Rose recently became the first non-long ball man to sign a contract in excess of $100,000.

■ On a warm evening late in September, a young fan suddenly rushed out of the stands and ran to meet Cincinnati Reds star Pete Rose at his station in right field. Fans run onto the field for many different reasons, not many of them entirely sane. However, this young man had an important message to convey to Mr. Rose. He simply had to tell Pistol Pete that he had just heard on his transistor radio that Cleon Jones, Pete's nearest competitor at the time in the torrid National League batting derby, had just gone 0-for-4 against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Heated individual battles are fast becoming a part of Pete Rose's hectic life. Last year's battle down to the wire was the third such time in his career that he has been in head-to-head competition for a coveted title. When Pete first came into the league in 1963, he and Ron Hunt of the Mets were heralded as the loop's freshmen. The statistics on the two

Like Enos Slaugter of the old St. Louis Cardinals Rose is always on the run. Here he is out trying to score from first on an infield single.

men couldn't have been closer, but when the smoke had cleared, Pete had won the first major battle of his big-league career — the National League's Rookie of the Year.

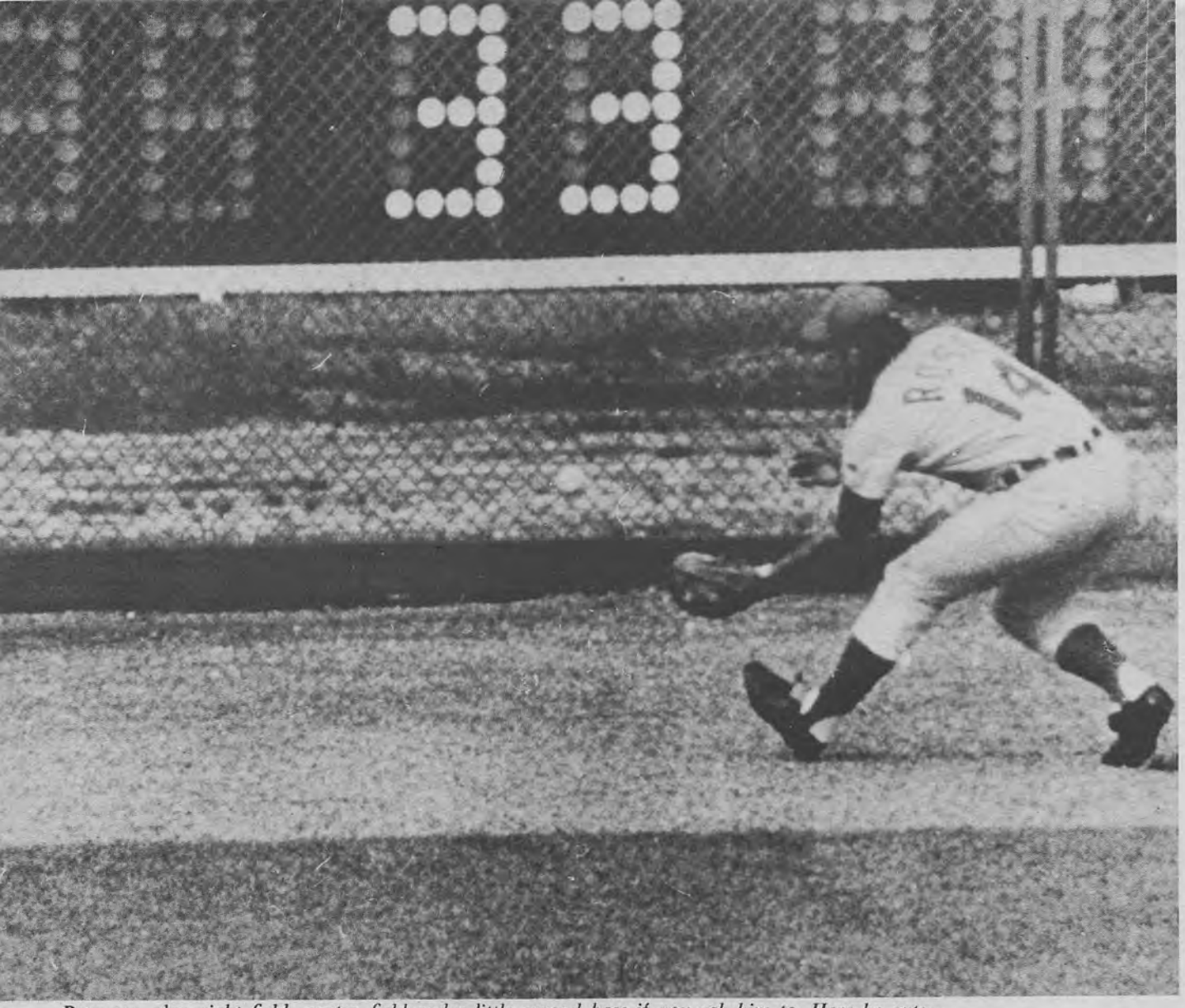
Although Pete's average slipped slightly in his sophomore season, he suddenly found the hitting groove in 1965, and that year and every year thereafter he has hit over .300. After three such successful years (although not within reach of the batting title) Rose was ready to challenge the hierarchy in 1968.

Throughout the 1968 campaign, Pete was involved in a sizzling race for batting honors with Matty Alou of the Pirates. As the season wore on, it seemed that their relative positions would change after each base hit. But on the next-to-last day of the season, Rose showed that he was a true champion as he went 5-for-5, while Alou connected for four hits in his game. Rose finished the season with an average of .355, three points better than Alou.

The script for the 1969 season was much the same, although the cast of characters was greater. This time Rose was challenged by Alou again, but received much stiffer competition from the Bucco's Roberto Clemente and the Mets' Cleon Jones. By the final week of the season, Jones had joined Alou by the wayside and Clemente emerged as Pete's sole rival. This time the issue was in doubt up to the next-to-last inning of the finale. While Clemente was going great guns in Pittsburgh that afternoon, Rose was 0-for-3 going into the eighth inning. With Red runners on first and second and two out, Rose laid down a perfect bunt to collect his only hit of the afternoon. It was enough to clinch his second straight batting title as he finished the game and the season at .348, besting Clemente by three percentage points.

Said Pete after the game. "It wasn't the farthest base-hit I've gotten, but it has to be one of the biggest."

With two consecutive silver bats in his trophy room, Pete has emerged as the latest candidate to become the first man to win three consecutive championships since Stan the Man Musial turned the trick in 1950-51-52, when the Hall of Famer led the circuit with .346, .355, and .336 marks respectively. Two other stars, Tommy Davis of the Dodgers and Roberto Clemente of the Pirates, reached the second step in recent



Pete can play right field, center field and a little second base if you ask him to. Here he cuts off potential double near right field fence at Crosley Field.

years, but failed to gain the elusive third notch.

Pete seems to have something extra in his quest for three in a row. First of all, Rose is a switch-hitter, which makes him even more potent in this age of platooning and specialization. With the ability to swing equally well from either side of the plate, Pete is never at a disadvantage (unlike right-handed batters Davis and Clemente). In his switch-hitting role, Rose hit .355 against right-handers, while swinging at a .313 clip against southpaws.

The second thing that Pete has in his favor is his age. Pete will not be 28 until the first week of the season. It is possible that although he has a number of great seasons behind him, he has still to reach his peak! With a set of great credentials in his hip pocket, it seems that Pete will not lose his chance at three in a row on his own doing; it will take a superseason by someone else to dethrone him.

With the natural baseball talents Rose has displayed in the past few years, fans are usually surprised to hear that baseball was not Pete's juvenile pastime. Pete's father was an all-around athlete in the Ohio area, and was hailed by many as the greatest pro football player to come out of Cincinnati. Although he claims he was never pushed by his father, the football glory must have worn off on young Pete, as he was by his own admission "a much better football player all through growing up." Probably the only thing that changed his mind and started him on a baseball career was his size. He was a late bloomer physically, and did not reach his now-solid level of 195 pounds until comparatively recently.

Pete is an all-around athlete and could probably play any position if called upon to do so. In fact, he began as a catcher on the Cincinnati sandlots and Knothole League. His reasoning for accepting the "tools of ignorance" in his early years was that by playing backstop he would be in the game with every pitch. Now he prefers playing in the pasture, as it allows him to devote more time and concentration to the art of hitting.

Although Pete does not favor large bonuses for rookie stars who have yet to prove themselves, he has nothing against handing juicy contracts to the true stars of the game, especially to Peter Edward Rose. His 1970 Contract called for $110,000, making him the first $100,000 non-home run hit-

Pete's level swing almost always makes contact with the ball. He rarely strikes out and gets many leg hits.

ter. In the battle of the dollars, Pete sees his eleventh-hour victory over Roberto Clemente for the 1969 batting title as an all-important factor. He exclaimed shortly after winning the title, "That's another reason why I wanted that batting title. I figured I had to win it to get another good raise."

When former Yankee ace Whitey Ford got his first good look at the Reds star he marvelled at how the youngster ran to first base after drawing a walk, hustled after grounders, and was constantly in motion. It was at this point that Ford tagged him with his most famous nickname, "Charlie Hustle." "Charlie Hustle" has been going full steam for eight years now, and it seems the best is yet to come.

Rose will charge after his chance to become the first player since Musial to win three consecutive batting crowns in his typical all-out style. It will take a crystal ball to predict how successful his quest will be, but it seems a safe assumption that he will be in the running. Pete Rose can expect more news messengers to visit him in right field again this season. ●

The Official American League

Team-by-Team Schedule

for the 1970 Season

Eastern Division

BALTIMORE

HOME GAMES

April

10, 11, 12 ..... Tigers
14*, 15* ..... Senators
17*, 18, 19(2) ..... Yankees

May

1*, 2, 3 ..... Twins
5*, 6*, 7* ..... Royals
8*, 9, 10(2) ..... White Sox
22*, 23, 24(2) ..... Red Sox
25*, 26*, 27* ..... Indians

June

9*, 10*, 11* ..... Angels
12*, 13*, 14 ..... A's
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Pilots
19(TN), 20*, 21 ..... Senators
30* ..... Indians

July

1*, 2* ..... Indians
3*, 4, 5 ..... Tigers
7*, 8*, 9* ..... Yankees
16*, 17*, 18 ..... Twins
28*, 29* ..... White Sox
31* ..... Royals

August

1*, 2 ..... Royals
4*, 5* ..... Red Sox
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Angels
25*, 26*, 27* ..... A's
28*, 29*, 30 ..... Pilots

September

9*, 10* ..... Yankees
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Red Sox
18*, 19*, 20 ..... Indians
21*, 22*, 23* ..... Tigers
2[illegible] ..... Senators

October

..... Senators

ROAD GAMES

April

7, 8, 9 ..... Indians
20(M), 22 ..... Red Sox
24*, 25*, 26 ..... Royals
28*, 29*, 30 ..... White Sox

May

12*, 13* ..... Twins
15*, 16*, 17 ..... Senators
18*, 19* ..... Yankees
20*, 21(TN) ..... Tigers
29*, 30*, 31 ..... Angels

June

2*, 3*, 4* ..... A's
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Angels
22*, 23*, 24*, 25 .. Red Sox
26*, 27*, 28 ..... Senators

July

10[illegible], 11, 12(2) ..... Tigers
19[illegible]2), 20* ..... White Sox
21[illegible], 22*, 23* ..... Royals
24*, 25, 26, 27* ..... Twins

August

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[illegible]-9(2) ..... Yankees
11[illegible], 12*, 13* ..... Angels
14*, 15, 16 ..... A's
17*, 18*, 19* ..... Pilots
21* ..... Yankees

September

1*, 2*, 3* ..... Yankees
4*, 5, 6 ..... Red Sox
7*, 8* ..... Tigers
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Senators
25*, 26, 27 ..... Indians

BOSTON

HOME GAMES

April

14, 15, 16 ..... Yankees
20(M), 22 ..... Orioles
24, 25, 26 ..... Pilots
27, 28*, 29*, 30 ..... A's

May

1*, 2, 3 ..... Angels
15*, 16, 17 ..... Indians
18*, 19* ..... Tigers
25, 26* 27* ..... Senators
29*, 30, 31 ..... White Sox

June

2*, 3* 4 ..... Twins
5*, 6, 7 ..... Royals
18*, 19*, 20*, 21 .. Yankees
22*, 23*, 24*, 25 ... Orioles
30* ..... Senators

July

1*, 2 ..... Senators
3*, 4, 5 ..... Indians
16, 17*, 18 ..... Pilots
19, 20* ..... A's
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Angels

August

8*, 9, 10 ..... Tigers
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Royals
14*, 15, 16 ..... Twins
17, 18*, 19 ..... White Sox
31* ..... Tigers

September

1*, 2, 3* ..... Tigers
4*, 5, 6 ..... Orioles
18*, 19, 20 ..... Senators
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Indians
29*, 30* ..... Yankees

ROAD GAMES

April

7, 9 ..... Yankees
10*, 11*, 12 ..... Senators
17, 18, 19 ..... Tigers

May

5*, 6*, 7* ..... Pilots
8*, 9, 10 ..... A's
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Angels
20*, 21* ..... Indians
22*, 23, 24(2) ..... Orioles

June

9*, 10* ..... White Sox
12*, 13, 14 ..... Twins
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Royals
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Yankees

July

6*, 7*, 8*, 9* ..... Tigers
10*, 11, 12(2) ..... Indians
24*, 25*, 26 ..... Pilots
28*, 29*, 30* ..... A's
31* ..... Angels

August

1*, 2 ..... Angels
4*, 5* ..... Orioles
6*, 7* ..... Senators
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Royals
25* 26* 27 ..... Twins
28*, 29, 30(2) ..... White Sox

September

7(2), 8* ..... Indians
9* 10* ..... Tigers
11*, 12*, 13 ..... Orioles
15*, 16*, 17 ..... Yankees
24*, 25*, 26* 27 ..... Senators

CLEVELAND

HOME GAMES

April

7, 8, 9 ..... Orioles
18, 19(2) ..... Senators
21*, 22* ..... Tigers
24*, 25, 26 ..... White Sox

May

6*, 9, 10 ..... Twins
12*, 13* ..... Royals
20*, 21* ..... Red Sox
22*, 23, 24(2) ..... Yankees

June

9*, 10*, 11* ..... A's
12*, 13, 14 ..... Pilots
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Angels
19*, 20, 21(2)* ..... Tigers

July

6*, 7* 8*, 9* ..... Senators
10*, 11, 12(2) ..... Red Sox
21*, 22*, 23* ..... White Sox
24*, 25, 26(2) ..... Royals
28*, 29*, 30* ..... Twins

August

4*, 5* ..... Yankees
6(TN), 7 ..... Orioles
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25*, 26*, 27* ..... Pilots
28*, 29, 30 ..... Angels

September

7(2), 8* ..... Red Sox
9*, 10* ..... Senators
11*, 12, 13 ..... Yankees
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Tigers
25*, 26, 27 ..... Orioles

ROAD GAMES

April

11, 12(2) ..... Yankees
14, 16 ..... Tigers
27, 28, 29, 30 ..... Twins

May

1*, 2*, 3 ..... Royals
5*, 6* ..... White Sox
15*, 16, 17 ..... Red Sox
18*, 19* ..... Senators
25*, 26*, 27* ..... Orioles
29*, 30, 31 ..... A's

June

2*, 3*, 4* ..... Pilots
5*, 6*, 7 ..... Angels
24(2), 25* ..... Yankees
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Tigers
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July

1*, 2* ..... Orioles
3*, 4, 5 ..... Red Sox
16*, 17*, 18 ..... Royals
19, 20*, ... Twins
31 ..... White Sox

August

1, 2(2) ..... White Sox
8, 9(2) ..... Senators
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31* ..... Senators

September

1*, 2*, 3* ..... Senators
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18*, 19*, 20 ..... Orioles
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29*, 30 ..... Tigers

October

..... Tigers

DETROIT

HOME GAMES

April

14, 16 ..... Indians
17, 18, 19 ..... Red Sox

May

5*, 6*, 7* ..... Twins
8*, 9, 10 ..... Royals
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29*, 30, ... Indians

October

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ROAD GAMES

April

6, 7*, 8* ..... Senator
10, 11, 12 ..... Orioles
21*, 22* ..... Indians
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May

1*, 2*, 3 ..... White Sox
15*, 16, 17(2) ..... Yankees
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25*, 26, 27 ..... Yankees

NEW YORK

HOME GAMES

April

7, 9 ..... Red Sox
11, 12 (2) ..... Indians
24*, 25, 26 ..... A's
28*, 29, 30* ..... Angels

May

1*, 2, 3 (2) ..... Pilots
15*, 16, 17 (2) ..... Tigers
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WASHINGTON

HOME GAMES

April

6, 7*, 8* ..... Tigers
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20*, 21*, 22*, 23* .. Yankees
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October

1* ..... Orioles

*Denotes night game. (2) double-header. (M) morning game. (T) twilight game. (TN) twilight-night double-header.

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Western Division

CALIFORNIA

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April

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October

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ROAD GAMES

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CHICAGO

HOME GAMES

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25*, 26, 27 ..... Pilots

ROAD GAMES

April

14 ..... Angels
15*, 16* ..... A's
17*, 18*, 19 ..... Pilots
21, 22, 23 ..... Twins
24*, 25, 26 ..... Indians

May

8*, 9, 10(2) ..... Orioles
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Tigers
25*, 26*, 27* ..... Royals
29*, 30, 31 ..... Red Sox

June

2*, 3*, 4* ..... Senators
5*, 6, 7 ..... Yankees
19*, 20, 21(2) ..... A's
23*, 24(TN), 25* ..... Angels

July

3*, 4, 5 ..... Twins
6*, 7*, 8* ..... Pilots
10(TN), 11*, 12 ..... Royals
21*, 22*, 23* ..... Indians
24*, 25, 26 ..... Tigers
28*, 29* ..... Orioles

August

11, 12*, 13 ..... Yankees
14*, 15*, 16 ..... Senators
17, 18*, 19 ..... Red Sox

September

1*, 2*, 3* ..... A's
4*, 5*, 6 ..... Pilots
11*, 12, 13 ..... Twins
15*, 16* ..... Royals
28*, 29*, 30* ..... Angels

October

1* ..... Angels

KANSAS CITY

HOME GAMES

April

7, 8*, 9* ..... A's
10*, 11*, 12 ..... Angels
21, 22, 23 ..... Orioles
24*, 25*, 26 ..... White Sox
28*, 29*, 30* ..... Tigers

May

1*, 2*, 3 ..... Indians
18*, 19*, 20* ..... Twins
22*, 23*, 24 ..... Pilots
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June

9*, 10*, 11* ..... Senators
12*, 13*, 14 ..... Yankees
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Red Sox
19*, 20*, 21 ..... Twins
26*, 27, 28(2) ..... Angels

July

10(TN), 11*, 12 ... White Sox
16*, 17*, 18 ..... Indians
19(2), 20* ..... Tigers
21*, 22*, 23* ..... Orioles

August

5*, 6* ..... A's
7(TN), 8*, 9 ..... Pilots
21*, 22*, 23 ..... Red Sox
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September

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ROAD GAMES

April

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15*, 16* ..... Pilots
17*, 18*, 19 ..... Angels
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May

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15*, 16, 17(2) ..... White Sox
29*, 30, 31 ..... Senators

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2*, 3*, 4* ..... Yankees
5*, 6, 7 ..... Red Sox
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July

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3*, 4*, 5 ..... Pilots
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August

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3*, 4* ..... White Sox
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September

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22(TN), 23 ..... White Sox
29*, 30* ..... Twins

October

1 ..... Twins

MINNESOTA

HOME GAMES

April

11, 12 ..... A's
13, 14 ..... Royals
21, 22, 23 ..... White Sox
24, 25, 26 ..... Tigers
27, 28, 29, 30 ..... Indians

May

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22*, 23, 24 ..... Angels
25*, 26*, 27*, 28 ..... Pilots
29*, 30, 31 ..... Yankees

June

12*, 13, 14 ..... Red Sox
15*, 16*, 17* ..... Senators
29*, 30* ..... Royals

July

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September

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October

1 ..... Royals

ROAD GAMES

April

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15*, 16* ..... Angels
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May

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August

1*, 2 ..... Tigers
11*, 12*, 13* ..... Senators
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28(TN), 29*, 30 .... Yankees

September

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OAKLAND

HOME GAMES

April

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20*, 21*, 22* ..... Royals

May

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October

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SEATTLE

HOME GAMES

April

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October

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Crossword Puzzle Solution

Puzzle On Page 48

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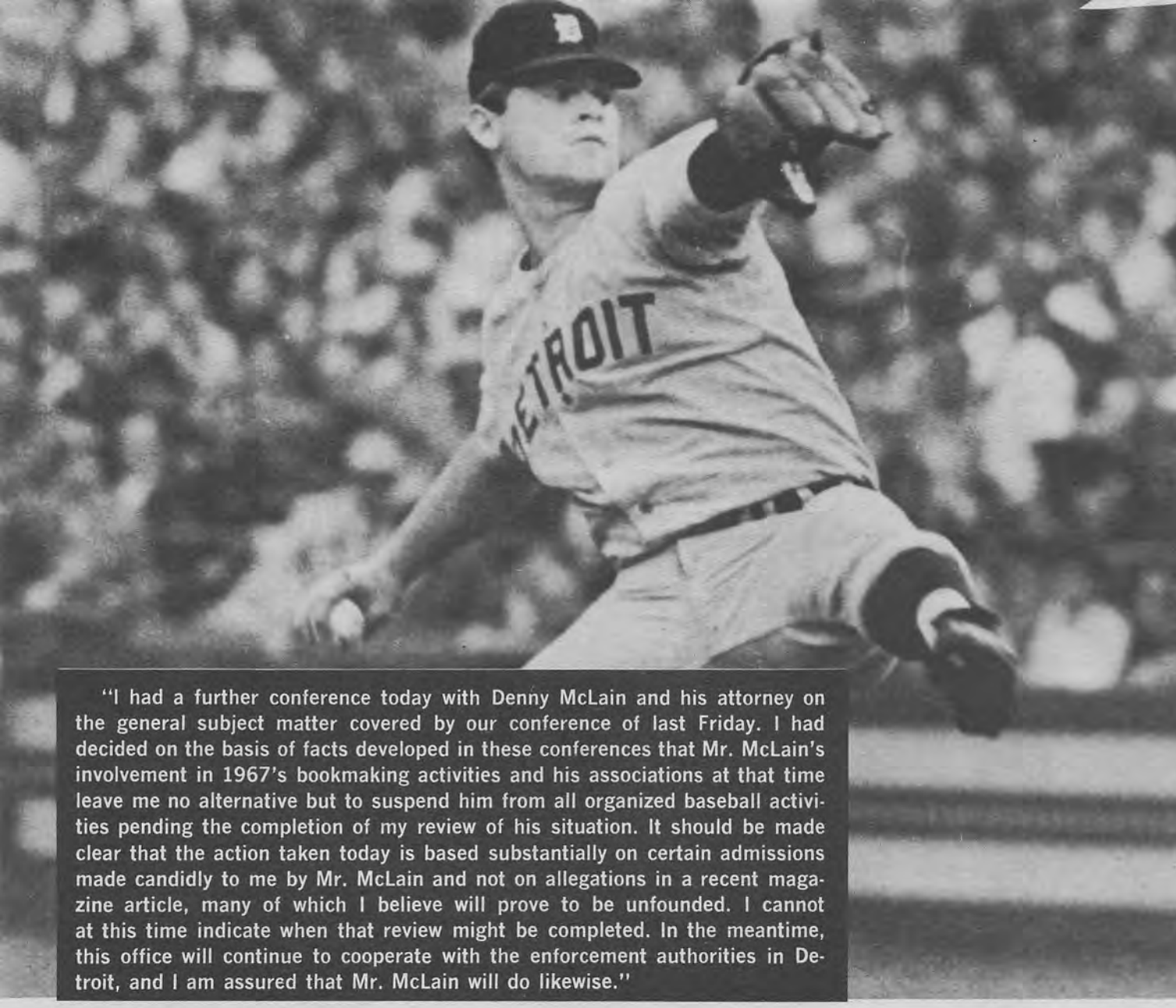


"I had a further conference today with Denny McLain and his attorney on the general subject matter covered by our conference of last Friday. I had decided on the basis of facts developed in these conferences that Mr. McLain's involvement in 1967's bookmaking activities and his associations at that time leave me no alternative but to suspend him from all organized baseball activities pending the completion of my review of his situation. It should be made clear that the action taken today is based substantially on certain admissions made candidly to me by Mr. McLain and not on allegations in a recent magazine article, many of which I believe will prove to be unfounded. I cannot at this time indicate when that review might be completed. In the meantime, this office will continue to cooperate with the enforcement authorities in Detroit, and I am assured that Mr. McLain will do likewise."

With the above words, Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn announced to a stunned baseball world that Denny McLain, the co-holder of the American League Cy Young award had been suspended. The action had been expected ever since a national sports magazine had claimed that Denny was a partner in a bookmaking operation controlled by the underworld.

The suspension of McLain is sure to have a tremendous effect on the American League pennant race. Although Tiger manager Mayo Smith told his troops that the Tigers "could win it even without Denny," it was obvious that it would be difficult to replace a pitcher of McLain's caliber.

There is little doubt that Denny McLain had proven himself to be one of the best pitchers in the game today. Originally the property of the Chicago White Sox, the 25-year-old star was traded to the Detroit Tigers for a young pitcher-basketball player named Dave Debusschere. This trade turned out to be the biggest steal since the Yankees bought Babe Ruth from Boston. The White Sox lost both ways as Debusschere decided to concentrate on basketball. He is now one of the main reasons for the New York Knickerbockers success.

After winning only 4 games in 1964, Denny won 16 in 1965 and a hefty 2 in 1966 at the callow age of 22. However, Denny's importance really began to show a year later.

1967 saw the biggest scramble ever for the American League pennant. The Tigers, Twins, White Sox, and Red Sox fought down to the wire. The Tigers, behind 17 victories by McLain and good support from southpaw Mickey Lolich and newly acquired Earl Wilson looked like they would win it; especially with an easy schedule toward the end of the season. However, the roof caved in. McLain was sidelined by an injured left foot, which was allegedly caused by a Mafia enforcer stomping on his foot.

Eventually, Denny started the last game of the season. A Tiger victory over the lowly California Angels would force a tie and a playoff against the Red Sox. Instead, McLain was shelled and Boston took the pennant.

"The Year of the Pitcher" was how experts described 1968. Hitting was at its lowest and pitching was at its highest. At the top of the pitching list was Denny McLain. He became the first pitcher to win thirty games since Dizzy Dean did it in 1934. Denny wound up with 32 victories for the year, 31 in regular season play and one in World Series. This was the Tigers' first pennant since World War II, and they wanted to make the Series one nobody would forget.

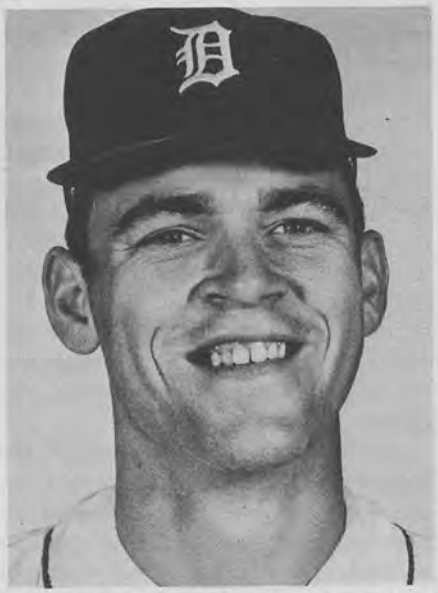
Will Denny be back? Best guess is a one year suspension. If Kuhn finds out much more of a damaging nature he could go the way of the Black Sox—a life suspension.

NEW FACTS ON THE DENNY McLAIN SCANDAL

DENNY—FROM SUPER PITCHER TO SUPER DUPE

by Tom Motor

Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn shakes hands with new Hall of Famer Lou Boudreau, Denny's father-in-law, harassed by press as to how much he knew.



At 25 McLain had it made until his past caught up with him.

This Series started off with the St. Louis Cardinals running wild. Before the Tigers could blink their eyes, the Cards were off to a 3 games to one lead and had the momentum going their way. Then the Tigers clawed back. In Game 5, Lou Brock was called out at home plate when he failed to slide and that was the opening the Detroit needed. They not only took that game, but McLain won the sixth game. In the seventh game, Mickey Lolich won his third game of the series when Curt Flood misjudged a fly ball in center field. Thus the Tigers became World Champs.

McLain, who won the Cy Young award and many other coveted honors that year, also put Mickey Mantle in the record books in another category. In a late September game against the Yanks, Detroit had already clinched the pennant and Denny was coasting along with a 5-2 lead. Mickey Mantle came up. He was in a bad slump. For weeks, he had been trying to hit his 532nd homer but had had no success. Mickey missed McLain's first pitch. Jokingly, Mick pointed out where he wanted the next one and Denny lobbed it up to him. Mickey hit the ball out of the park. This type of act is part of the McLain mystique—of breaking the rules and getting away with it.

The Major Leagues adopted a new divisional setup in 1969. The Tigers were in the East along with Baltimore, Boston, Washington, New York and Cleveland. Experts picked a tight race for the title. They were dead wrong. The Baltimore Orioles were unstoppable, finishing 19 games ahead of second place Detroit. However, McLain still had a great year. He won "only" 24 games, but it still led the American League. He also led the league in shutouts with 9, innings pitched with 325, and was second in complete games with 23. He had a

McLain's locker remains unused in the Tiger club house. It tells its own sad tale. Eventually, the Detroit club cleaned it out.

The swinging Detroit area fosters gambling. Alex Karras, Lions lineman had to sit out a year for a similar problem.

respectable 2.80 ERA (8th in the league) and struck out 181 batters. To top it off, he shared Cy Young award with the Orioles' Mike Cuellar.

The majority of the Tigers did not enjoy good seasons. The team batting average dropped to a dismal .242, seventh in the AL. The pitching was fair. The Tigers were plagued by injuries to key men Willie Horton and Dick McAuliffe and there was dissension among players; part of it centered around McLain.

If you remember, Denny was supposed to open the All-Star game for the American League. However, he had a dental appointment that morning and received permission to come to Washington in his private plane. Denny had agreed to take Mickey Lolich and his wife back to Detroit with him. Denny, after getting bombed in the game, was in such a hurry to leave Washington that he forgot to take the Lolichs. Mickey, quite naturally, took it very hard and sounded off against McLain. He accused McLain of not being serious and of hogging publicity deserved by others.

At Lakeland, Florida, where the Tigers opened Spring Training Denny's locker was cleaned out—and his teammates left to ponder their chances without him. Most of them were not completely taken by surprise. Catcher Bill Freehand said, "When I first heard about the investigation in Detroit, around Super bowl time, I kept my fingers crossed." Many of Denny's teammates could not understand how he could get himself into so much trouble.

The one thing the Tiger players would like is to hear Denny's side of the story. As Norm Cash said, "He owes it to us to explain his side of the story." Under baseball rules, McLain cannot go to the Tigers. A meeting can take place but it would have to occur away from the ball park.

Denny McLain is in serious trouble, make no mistake about it. Besides his alleged gambling, Denny has neglected to pay rent on his home in Detroit and has been subpeonaed to appear in court. He cannot draw salary from the Tigers; even before all these charges, the Tigers were giving his entire salary to a Detroit bank to pay off an outstanding loan. Even if he is reinstated, there will always be a shadow over McLain. What a shame that a young man, with the whole world in front of him, should have been so foolish. One can only hope, for Denny's sake, that Commissioner Kuhn is right when he says most of the charges against McLain will prove to be unfounded.

McLain has been characterized as a super dupe or even dope. This does not excuse him from damaging the reputation of baseball, which has been valiantly struggling to maintain a fading position as our National Pastime.

McLain is a cocky, mercurial character who believes the world owes him a living. He is warm and friendly one minute and rough and gruff the next. Excitement is his reason for living. He completely disgusted two different management firms which attempted to straighten out his complicated and debt ridden finances. They were amazed that a man so deep in the hole should turn around and buy a plane.

"Denny is a strange one," said one of his mates."When Phil Regan was with us, he sold McLain some golf clubs. It took Regan two years to get his money and he had to go to our General Manager Jim Campbell to get his loot."

Commissioner Kuhn has his work cut out for himself with the McLain situation. One of the more heart rending aspects is the fringe inclusion of recently elected Hall of Famer Lou Boudreau. Boudreau is McLain's father-in-law, Denny having a very successful marriage to Lou's daughter.

In a moving appeal to the press, Boudreau said, "I beseech you to leave me out of this. In no way do I wish to damage a beautiful relationship between my daughter, her husband and myself. Any father would understand my feeling in this."

Thus, McLain, whose wife was reduced to tears when the suspension was announced, seemingly hurts everyone near and dear to him. His attire and attitude is mod and his demeanor is still surprisingly cocky, considering the situation he is in.

How long will Denny's suspension last? The best guess is either one year, as happened with Alex Karras, the great Detroit Lion lineman when he was caught in a similar probe—or for life, if any additional allegations are proven.

The worst part of the deal seems to make Denny out as a rather stupid bookmaker, who only lost money and never won any. Also, when the Mafia says get up $46,000 to cover losses, it is obvious that one way to quickly recoup this amount of money would be through an arranged game. This was never mentioned in any of the allegations, but it has to be going through Commissioner Kuhn's mind as he ponders what to do with McLain. Baseball cannot stand another Black Sox scandal or it will fall by the wayside as a Major League sport. Television coverage would drop away and Pro Football, basketball and hockey would take over, aided and abetted by golf.

Denny McLain may have simply been doing his thing, but he will find playing the organ is not enough to pay the bills, even with a reduced standard of living. In the meantime Baseball and the Tigers are paying a huge bill tendered them by McLain because of his personal immaturity and wildness.

We can only hope that McLain is never asked "Say it isn't so, Denny." •

THE LAST WORD

by Norman Mac Lean

■ The sports boom in the United States seemingly will never cease. Expansion is the name of the game. The Major Leagues have expanded from sixteen teams to twenty-four. The National Hockey League will have fourteen franchises in the Fall, up from the six of 1966-67. And the National Basketball Association is expanding once again from fourteen teams to eighteen. Add the entire American Basketball Association, the new teams in the National Football League and the entire American Football League and you have a sports explosion.

So far, so good. The old teams make whopping initiation fees every time they accept a new lodge member. The new ones are hopped up at just being part of the glamour of pro sports—and many times the value of their franchise also rises far in excess of what was paid for it.

So far the public has bought all of this, even though the Major Leagues are now presenting baseball that was triple A in caliber back in the Depression. Pro Football, which had twelve teams in the fifties when it boomed via television exposure, now has twenty-six and brush blocks are the order of the day.

"In the old days, you could hear the leather pop," recalls one famous grid mentor. "Now, only when the money is on the line or someone has a bit of a grudge against the other side does everyone go all-out."

This is because with so many teams around there are jobs for almost everyone with any sort of ability at all. Who loses in this situation? The Public, of course.

At a time when admission prices are rising, the caliber of play is inexorably being worn by the dilution of playing talent because of constant expansion.

In the new cities, just being there is enough, but in the older, more sophisticated areas, many long-time fans are in almost open rebellion. Season tickets do get cancelled, but new and eager bodies are always lined up at the ticket wicket to take over the spot.

Our question is, just how far can this expansion go? Will American pro sports become like English Soccer, which has a team in every hamlet and plays games in at least four divisions? The caliber of play is not the same as played in the games for the World Cup when the best in England combine on one side.

With all four pro sports competing for the available athletes, it would seem that someone in authority should take a hard look at this get-rich-quick situation and put a stop to it.

Just calling a team or player a Major Leaguer does not make him that. We do not doubt that the Newark Bears of the late thirties were better than at least half of the baseball teams in the big time today. This is ridiculous. The West Division of the NHL is really nothing more than an extension of the American Hockey League, which for years had been hockey's top minor circuit.

While pro football and basketball have built in free farm systems to accommodate the never-ending flow of talent from the collegiate ranks, even they have been watered down by the mushrooming of teams under every footstool.

COUNTRYWIDE SPORTS is hereby calling upon Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, Football czar Pete Rozelle, Hockey's Clarence S. Campbell and Basketball's Walter Kennedy and Jack Dolph to step in and make their Governors stop.

We know you are hired by these gentlemen, but that same "action detrimental to the sport" clause which is so often used on athletes who tarry in way-out watering places or get involved with gamblers, could and should be used on moguls whose crime is greed. Greed that can ruin a good thing—the support of pro sports by the adoring American Public. Gentlemen, stop it. Give the Public at least half of what it is paying for and don't tag everything Major League just for the sake of money. ●

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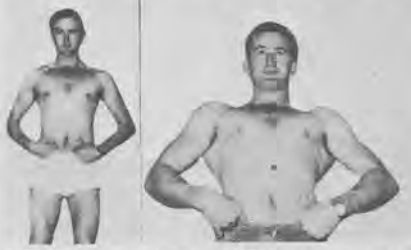

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